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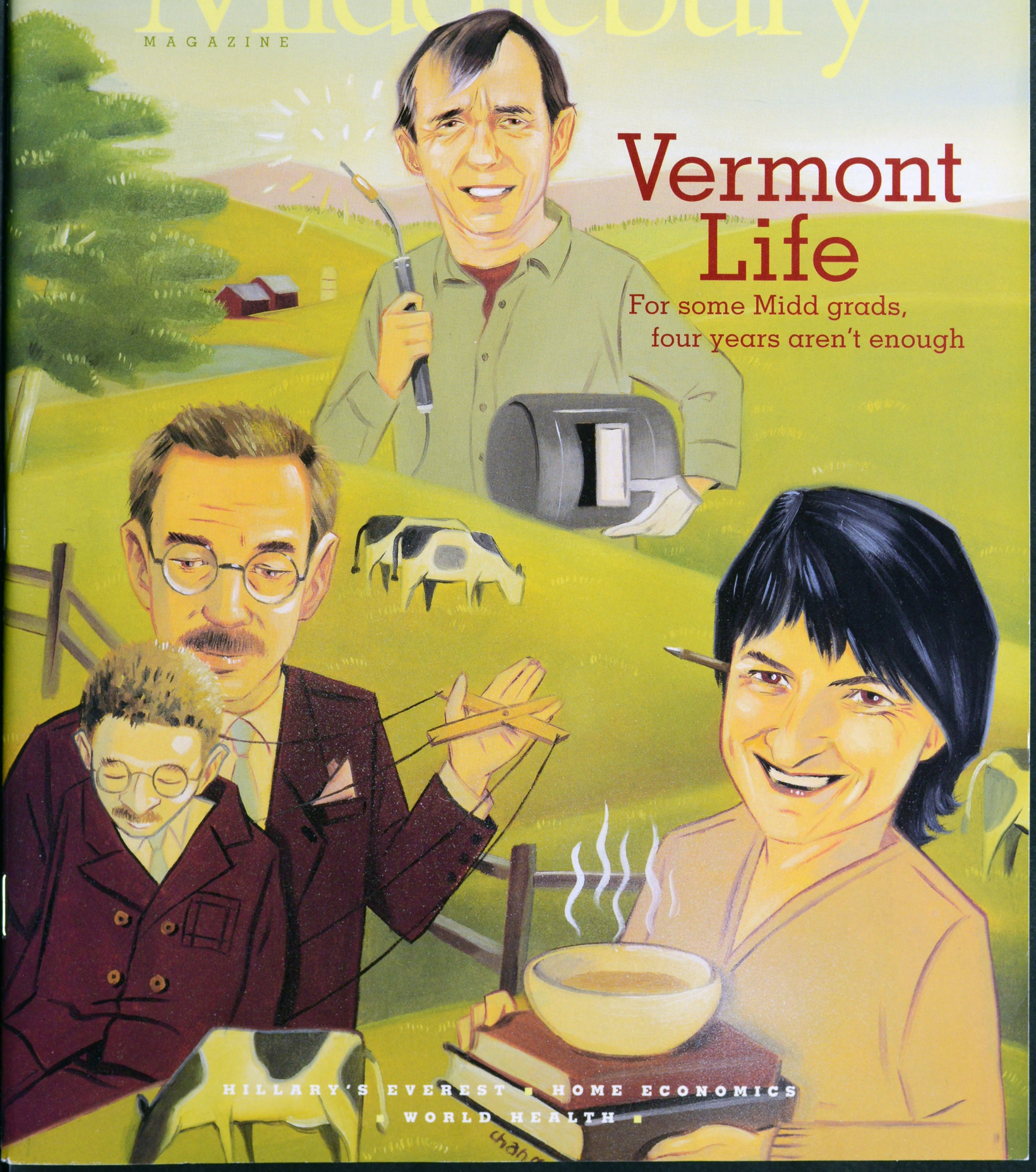

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King of the Hill

How can you tell a flatlander from a native Vermonter? Depends on the flatlander.

IF THERE EVER WAS ANY DOUBT THAT I WAS A FLATLANDER, it was quickly put to rest this winter in one of those face-reddening moments when words have escaped your lips, and you are left silently (*desperately!*) wishing you had not been heard.

It was the Monday morning following a big weekend snow, and as several members of the magazine team gathered in a colleague's office, I nodded toward the window and proclaimed: "I climbed that mountain this weekend."

As heads swiveled toward the small rectangular window, I realized instantly that their respective gazes were cast on the snow-capped peaks of the Green Mountains looming in the distance—and not the 20-foot-high snowplow-created "mountain" in the College parking lot.

"Mount Abe?" someone asked.

For a frozen moment, I wondered if I should bluff my way out of this. My childish, king-of-the-hill adventure that had so embarrassed my wife less than 24 hours before was about to come crashing down on my "from away" head.

"No," I sheepishly admitted, gesturing toward the pile of snow in the parking lot. "Flatlander," the Ripton native chuckled. And so, I had been initiated. Somehow I doubt Governor Jim Douglas '72 had a similar experience when he first arrived on campus as a first-year from East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, in 1968.

Governor Douglas is one of a growing number of nonnative Vermonters who came to Middlebury as first-years and have now come to call the state home. Some, like Douglas, have been residents of Vermont since their first year in college. And others, like writer Sarah Stewart Taylor '93, left the Green Mountain State after four years, only to be drawn back a short time later.

Miserable while living in New York City, Taylor moved to a family residence on the Vermont/New Hampshire border a few years after graduation. "I immediately felt that this was the right place for me to be living," she says. "I remember sitting on the porch and looking out over the fields and feeling like all was right with the world."

Taylor wrote for a couple of regional newspapers before falling in love with a native Vermonter, getting married, and moving to Hartland. "When I try and put into words what it is that I love about living in Vermont, I always end up with something that sounds like elegiac nature writing," Taylor says. "I start to ramble about how the landscape affects me, how I have room to think, room to be."

Taylor wrote to *Middlebury Magazine* last summer, offering to write a story about alums "from away" who had come to make Vermont home. "I'm always interested to meet other Midd grads who have stuck around (or returned) and hear about the interesting things they're doing," Taylor wrote.

During her research, Taylor found many flatlander alums (more than could fit in the story, unfortunately), who not only have made Vermont home, but are adding to the rich landscape of the state in myriad ways. All have interesting stories to tell, and I bet that not one was foolish enough to make a mountain out of a snowbank. —*MJ*

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Fettered Travel

Congratulations to David Parfitt and his class for their exercise during Accessibility Awareness Week, whereby his students spent a day using a wheelchair to navigate Middlebury's campus ("Restricted Access," winter 2003). Certainly his students opened their eyes, along with the eyes of the entire community, to the difficulties faced by anybody who uses a wheelchair.

During my second year of medical school, my entire class spent a day in wheelchairs trying to negotiate city streets, convenience stores, bathrooms, and even the hospital where we did our training. My experience echoes that of Parfitt's class: The world isn't an easy place to travel using a wheelchair.

Clearly this exercise sparked heightened awareness of access issues around Middlebury's campus. The next step is developing better solutions to the problems that impact those who use wheelchairs, whether or not on Middlebury's campus. Hopefully, such a solution will come as a result of Professor Parfitt's exercise.

Peter Steinberg '99
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

So Alive

That was a lively piece about a lively judge, William K. Sessions III '69, vendor of goat cheese and shaker of status quo ("Who Is Bill Sessions?" winter 2003). The photograph of the judge and the hen is a winner.

It might interest your readers to know that the judge's wife, Abi Procter Sessions, serious gardener and principal of Salisbury School, is a Middlebury graduate (class of 1971). The lively couple met on the Middlebury campus.

Nardi Reeder Campion
Lebanon, New Hampshire

Five Degrees of Coincidence

It's amazing just how much the winter issue of the magazine hit home for me: First there was the article about Tom Cleaver '04 (my brother is taking the same cutting-edge cancer drug); then the profile of Professor Mittell (it mentions a professor from my graduate school); then the story and photo of Nancy Connell '75 (I recently bought a cello); then the review of the *Pane e Salute* memoir/cookbook (Caleb Barber '88 is a classmate, and I've stopped by the restaurant on my way through Woodstock); and, finally, the profile of the alumni/brothers who are coffee roasters (I happened to have the magazine with me on a flight through Milwaukee last week). Thank you for being so relevant!

Elizabeth Zogby '88
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dam Confusing

I enjoyed reading Professor Yoken's piece on the wonder and delight of letters ("The Write Stuff," winter 2003). I am grateful to have several friends who write lovely letters and tolerate my e-mail replies. Please forgive this e-mail reply, but I observed that the professor was not well served by your copy editors. The piece should have referred to a "tinker's dam," not a "tinker's damn." The phrase refers to a piece of solder used by tinkers to mend pots, and was likely meant in gentler times to substitute for the coarser homophone.

Nancy Ryan Louitt '78, M.D., Ed.M.
Baltimore, Maryland

Ed.: Professor Yoken did use the term "tinker's dam" in his essay, and we changed it to the more prevalent usage, "tinker's damn." All of the dictionaries we consulted, including Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary,

AFTER YOU
Sights such as this were frequent during Accessibility Awareness Week, as students and faculty brought to light the daily hurdles faced by those in wheelchairs.

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American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, and Webster's Third New International Dictionary *(electronic version), cite "damn" as the first choice and "dam" as a variant.*

Your letter sent us in search of more information about the history of the phrase "not worth a tinker's damn/dam." Although some authorities mention the etymology you do, many others state that "damn" was the original form. Tinkers were a coarse lot, well known for their swearing, which was so extreme that it lost all impact. A tinker's cursing was meaningless or not worth a tinker's damn. The second theory maintains that the tinker would use a bit of clay or other material when mending a pot to create a dam for the solder. After completing the repair, the now useless material was discarded, hence: not worth a tinker's dam. Which theory is correct? According to word expert Evan Morris, author of the newspaper column "The Word Detective" and a Web site by the same name, "tinker's damn" first appeared around 1839; whereas, "tinker's dam" came into usage in 1877 as "probably a prissy Victorian attempt to sanitize" the word.

Write On!

Kudos to Professor Mel Yoken for his enlightening article "The Write Stuff" (winter 2003). I am still an avid letter writer and therefore concur wholeheartedly with Professor Yoken's astute and salient comments. I am even going to write him a letter of commendation.

Barbara Thomas '48
Boston, Massachusetts

Tobacco Road

The photograph on the back of the last Middlebury alumni magazine (winter 2003), of the child smoking, brought to mind a passage from *Dersu the Trapper* by V. K. Arseniev. This wonderful book describes the incredible journeys between 1902 and 1930 of the Russian surveyor Arseniev and his friend Dersu, the mountain man, tracker, hunter, animist, what you might call a modern native of the temperate forest. Dersu was a superlative human being, to whom Arseniev owed his life and success many times over. Arseniev was sent in 1906 by the Russian Geographical Society to explore "the Sihote-Alin, the ridge which runs down

between the river Ussuri and the coast, and the coastal belt from Olga Bay northwards as far as time would permit, and also the upper reaches of the river Ussuri and Iman." (Some may know a condensed version of Arseniev and Dersu's story from the masterpiece dramatization on film by Akira Kurosawa, *Dersu Uzala,* which is certainly the reason this book survives outside of Russia.)

In the Second Expedition section, Arseniev describes the native population of Ussuria, who were subjected to terrible exploitation by the Chinese. "Many of them, especially the women, are opium addicts . . . All smoke tobacco, including the tiny children. I often noticed tiny tots that could scarcely walk, clinging to their mothers' breasts and . . . smoking!"

Dan Urbach '82
Portland, Oregon

Tracking Back

Since the picture of Frank Goss on the back cover of the fall 2002 issue of *Middlebury Magazine* was identified in the winter 2003 issue as my grandfather, it should also be pointed out that Frank Goss was the father of another Middlebury College graduate, my mother, Agnes Goss Hoxie '27. The photo of my grandfather appeared in three books, *U.S. Camera 1944, Green Mountains and Rock Ribs* by Keith Jennison (1954), and your own *Middlebury College Museum of Art Looking Back at Vermont* by Nancy Price Graff '75. The photo also appeared in *Health Magazine* in the 1950s, as well as in the *Burlington Free Press* and other local newspapers in 2002. I enjoyed the museum's exhibition in the fall of 2002 very much.

Hazel Hoxie Greaves '54
Hardwick, Vermont

Common Good

The Commons article ("The Commons Denominator," fall 2002) did a terrific job of shedding light on the Commons System, which, by the way, was one of the deciding factors in prompting my son to apply early decision to Middlebury. The idea that Middlebury could become more itself and grow seems like a nice paradigm for any community. Meaningful relationships and lives are sure to be created out of this lovely model. Hats off to writer Jennifer Sutton '86, but especially to John McCardell for the vision and leadership.

Ann DeRosa '77
Atlanta, Georgia

R-E-S-P-E-C-T, Not

I was appalled by the letter contributed by Mike Heaney '64 ("Walking Our Talk," winter 2003). I'll confess to disagreeing with his excoriation of the Bush Administration, and his naïve, damn-the-facts pacifism left me scratching my head. But what really bothers me is his praise for the protesters who loudly booed and disrupted President McCardell and Ari Fleischer '82 in the midst of a talk on Iraq and during the presentation of an achievement award. That such behavior is inexcusably rude should be obvious to everyone—regardless of where you stand on the political issues.

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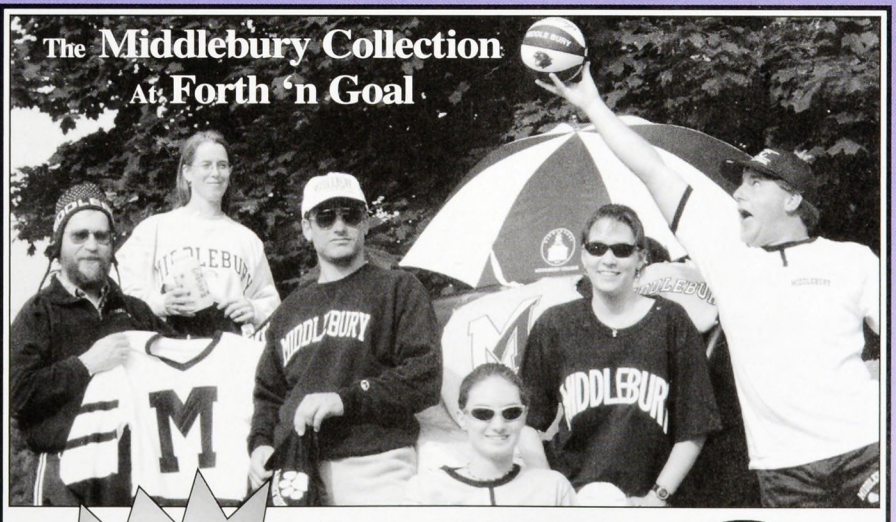

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This is far more than just a case of bad manners, however. Mr. Heaney and the protesters he admires fail to recognize (or simply don't care) that only through honest, forthright debate and the free exchange of ideas, only by allowing everyone with an idea or an opinion to contribute to the discussion, only when we're all encouraged to bring our various backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives to bear on any particular issue can the best, most informed, most enlightened decisions be made. If we're going to make well-reasoned, wise decisions, whether at the college level or as a nation, we need to carefully consider every side of important issues. We need to listen to each other.

Shouting down those with different points of view, simply because we don't agree with what they have to say, does our College and larger society a grave disservice. Those who squash debate and seek to impose their ideologies on others deprive us of the process by which the most educated conclusions are drawn, the best policies are devised, and effective solutions to complicated problems are developed. People who are unwilling or unable to discuss legitimate issues in a courteous, civil, respectful way should never be celebrated or encouraged; to the contrary, they should be denounced. How disappointing that there's evidently a group within our little College community that just doesn't get it.

Daniel E. O'Neil '91
Chicago, Illinois

Disgusted in N.H.

As counterpoint to the only two letters, both derogatory, in the winter 2003 issue on the Ari-Fleischer-at-Middlebury matter, please allow me to express my disgust that many "students, faculty, war veterans, and others" would choose the occasion to vent their spleen against the present (U.S.) administration (which is supported by a comfortable majority of our citizens). I hate to have to recognize that the pennies I have faithfully sent to the College every year since graduation should go into a pool in support of Middlebury people demonstrating such narrow-minded, discourteous, and inappropriate behavior against "one of our own" who is indeed, clearly, a success in his chosen field.

Virginia Anthony Soule '49
New London, New Hampshire

A Crass Protest

In reply to Mr. Mike Heaney's letter to the editor in the winter '03 issue of the College magazine, I would like to counter that I am appalled by the behavior of the attendees during President McCardell's Homecoming Weekend presentation of an achievement award to Ari Fleischer '82.

Mr. Fleischer was not honored for his Republican or conservative political inclinations; rather, he was recognized for having achieved the "pinnacle" of the "profession" of "political spokesperson." He was cited for his ability to convey to the American public the agenda of the president of the United States in a thoroughly eloquent and yet concise manner. While politicians receive no respite from instantaneous media dissection of national and international crises, the press secretary's preparedness and consistent lucidity since September 11 has lent composure and competence to the public face of President Bush's administration. President McCardell's recognition of Mr. Fleischer's abilities was not a statement about political ideology, power, war, or the merits of living by the sword; it was a commentary on how Ari Fleischer has mastered one of the toughest public-speaking roles that a person can assume.

Accordingly, the crass protestations of students, faculty, and others at Mead Chapel during the ceremony was a poor

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display of Middlebury College's motto, *scientia et virtus*. The misdirected and immature behavior of those who disrupted the weekend ceremony would be brushed aside, not to mention useless, in those settings where national and international policy is crafted. This is truly sad, given that Middlebury prides itself on shaping the future leadership of our society. Perhaps the problem is that the self-touted vantage point from our ivory tower of the liberal arts is sometimes too shortsighted. Whenever and however they like, students can be autonomous without having to take responsibility for their actions, and they can question without having to deal with the answers that those questions beget.

I wholeheartedly applaud how the College fosters critical thinking and a questioning spirit in its students, but it is apparent from Homecoming Weekend that the entire community—faculty and students alike—has far to go in learning where, when, and how to expend that energy.

Christopher M. Sullivan '00
Chicago, Illinois

Editorial Misdirection

It's déjà vu all over again regarding Ari Fleischer and the *Middlebury Magazine*. (In the spirit of full disclosure, Ari was a friend of mine when we graduated Middlebury together, and we continue to keep in periodic contact.)

I am disappointed in the elementary "let's shoot the messenger" mentality that several alumni have demonstrated in their published letters in this magazine. They have made personal attacks on Ari Fleischer solely because of their disagreement over the policies of President Bush. (I would suspect that Ari does not agree 100 percent with everything President Bush believes—as even Mrs. Bush may differ on select viewpoints.) It is obvious that these writers are intolerant, not only of President Bush and his policies, but also by extension of anyone who works for President Bush (regardless of such individuals' unspoken personal positions).

What I am most disturbed about, and the reason I feel compelled to write this letter, is the fact that this magazine

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appears to cater to these political-agenda writers. While these intolerant writers may choose to use Mr. Fleischer as their political lightning rod, the fact that the editor of this magazine is not perceptive enough to separate the wheat from the chaff when he decides which letters to publish and which to hold back is very discouraging.

Let's save the political discussions for the appropriate forum. If you knew Mr. Fleischer personally or had a disagreement *over the way he does his job,* then this would be an appropriate forum. The editor should not have allowed those with an obvious political agenda that had little or nothing to do directly with Ari Fleischer to use this forum to espouse their own political agenda, especially when it is at the expense of a successful alumnus.

I am sure that with his 20 years of working in the political arena in Washington, Mr. Fleischer has built up a thick skin, but I am very disappointed that this unfortunate ganging up by the intelligentsia (including our editor?) against those who do not share their anti-Bush agenda, had to be done through our *Middlebury Magazine.*

Joe Weis '82
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Remembering Gordie...

I share with the Middlebury community the sadness of the death of Gordie Perine '49 (Obituaries, winter 2003). He touched many lives. To me Gordie's crown jewel was his commitment to the success of students.

Unmentioned, possibly due to historical revisionism or simply because he had so many achievements, was his mentoring of the students at Delta Kappa Epsilon which he held dear to his heart. I look back and am thankful for the time he spent with the members of the fraternity as our fatherly and, when needed, stern adviser.

On a personal note, I suspect I may owe my graduation to him. We spent much time together. He was a very patient and tolerant adviser and set admirable standards for me to follow.

John R. Iacovino '63
Norwalk, Connecticut

...and Prof. Harnest

I would be remiss not to mark the passing of Dr. Grant Harnest, professor emeritus of chemistry, on October 24, 2002, at the age of 86 (See Obituaries, page 78). In a way, Grant and I started out together at Middlebury. He assumed his duties as an assistant professor in September 1946 after receiving his doctorate from the University of Virginia. I returned to Middlebury at the same time, after serving in the U. S. Navy in World War II. I attended his organic chemistry and advanced organic chemistry classes, along with a few other hardy souls. (There were only eight chemistry majors in the class of 1948.) Small classes and dedicated professors made a lasting impression on us.

I had an advantage, as I was Grant's first honors student. In my senior year, I labored—in a rudimentary laboratory in the basement of the chemistry building—on a special research project in diazomethane chemistry, while Grant patiently taught me how to plan and conduct experiments, how to keep a notebook and take data, and how to analyze results and reach logical conclusions. We came to know one another well, and I carry his lessons with me to this day.

As President McCardell noted in his message to the faculty and staff last October, "Grant Harnest was a model academic citizen, a caring teacher, an active scholar, and a contributing member of the local community." For my part, the most important of these was his ability to teach and inspire his students to teach others, whether they joined academia, the professions, or industry in later life.

Sanders D. Rosenberg '48
Sacramento, California

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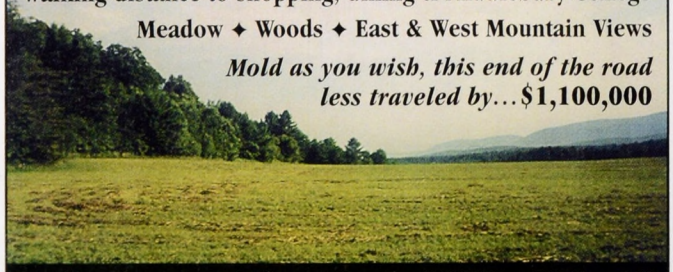

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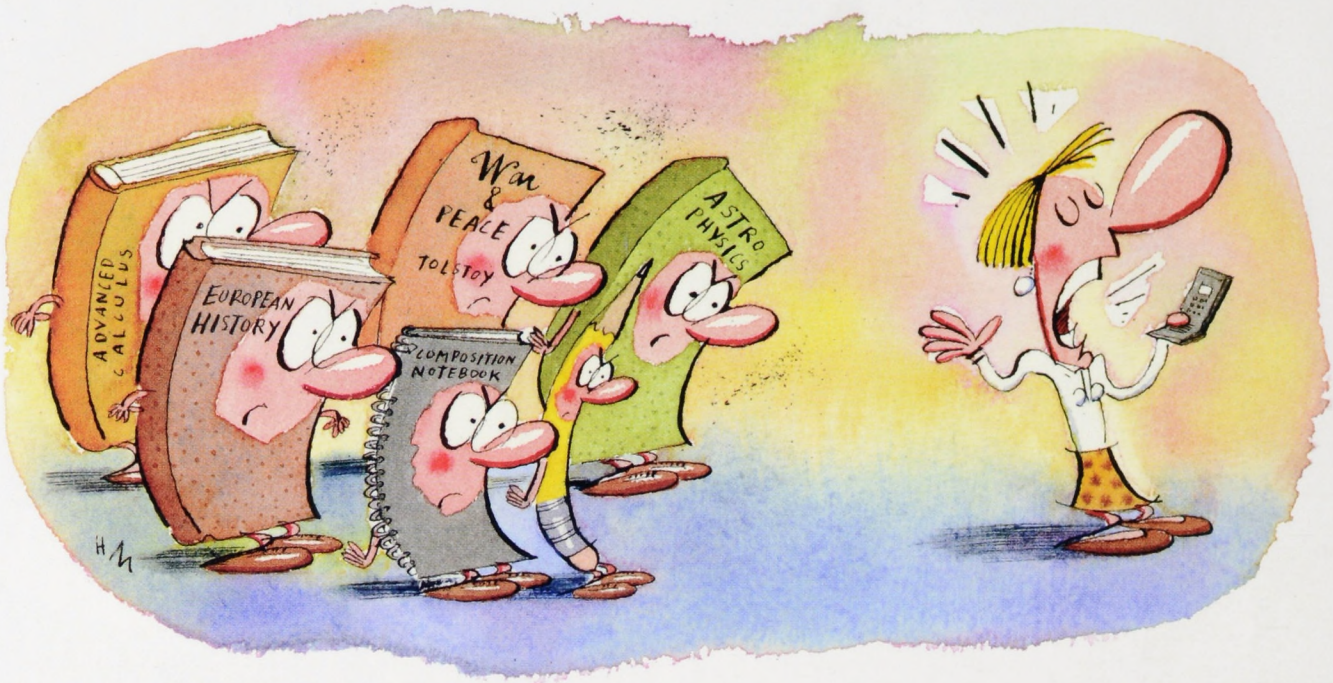
SHOW AND TELL Students in the J-term course Lego Robot Design Studio demonstrate their mechanical engineering prowess, while embracing their inner child. Photograph by Bob Handelman.



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53
Percentage of people in the U.S. who own cell phones

70
Percentage of full-time college students who own cell phones

67
Percentage of Middlebury students who own cell phones

29
Percentage of full-time college students who owned cell phones in 1999

37
Percentage of lost revenue in long-distance service at Middlebury College since 2000

Sources: Telephia, Student Monitor, Middlebury Campus

Can You Hear Me Now?

There's something, well, odd about the sight of someone yakking on a cell phone while crossing Route 30 on the way from the student parking lot to Middlebury's main campus. What is so prevalent and normal looking in most other parts of the country, still seems somewhat out of place in the village of Middlebury. But that's changing. Rapidly.

A recent study by wireless research company Telephia determined that 53 percent of the general populace in the U.S. own cell phones, a number that skyrockets to 70 percent when examining the 5.6 million full-time college students in the United States (this according to Student Monitor, a group that collects data on college students' activities). A random survey of 200 students conducted by the *Middlebury Campus* last fall found that the College seemed to mirror this trend, as 67 percent of respondents said they owned a cell phone.

A year ago, Vermont Public Radio ran a weeklong series titled "Wireless in Vermont," in which many commentators bemoaned the prevalence of cellular towers that have begun to sprout up around the state like mushrooms after a spring rain. And one only needs to sit on the deck of Mister Ups on a lazy summer afternoon as a canoe drifts by on Otter Creek—while one of its two occupants is shouting into a Motorola—to discover that the "real world" is quickly catching up with the tranquility and simplicity often associated with the Green Mountain State.

The wireless trend is having a practical impact, as well. Like many colleges and universities, Middlebury has derived income from long-distance telephone services provided to students in their dorm rooms. But as students rely more on e-mail and cell phones to stay connected with parents and friends, the revenue associated with the service has declined nearly 40 percent. Assistant Treasurer Tom Corbin recently told the *Campus* that the College has been forced to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars from the general budget to make up for the shortfall in long-distance revenue.

Still, there is a bright side. Parents may be hearing from their kids more, and, so far, very few classes have been interrupted by the mechanical tones of *Für Elise*.

Illustration by Hal Mayforth

Quote/Unquote

"I want to encourage you in your work, and I want you to keep on keeping on."

—The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., to a young François Clemmons, now Middlebury's Twilight Artist-in-Residence. Clemmons related the story on Vermont Public Radio as part of the network's 2003 coverage of Martin Luther King Day.

Who Said It?

Match the speakers to the excerpts from their speeches given at Middlebury this year.

1. Elie Wiesel 2. Scott Ritter 3. Adrienne Rich
4. Felix Rohatyn '49 5. Seamus Heaney
6. Kenneth Feinberg
7. Anne Bogart 8. Jim Jeffords

A. [War] is about burning and sucking the life out of human beings.

B. It's very easy to make everybody in the audience feel the same thing—I call it fascism.

C. I didn't do anything courageous. I look to the state law of the victim.

D. I was looking out the back window, and I said, "Look, he's shooting at us."

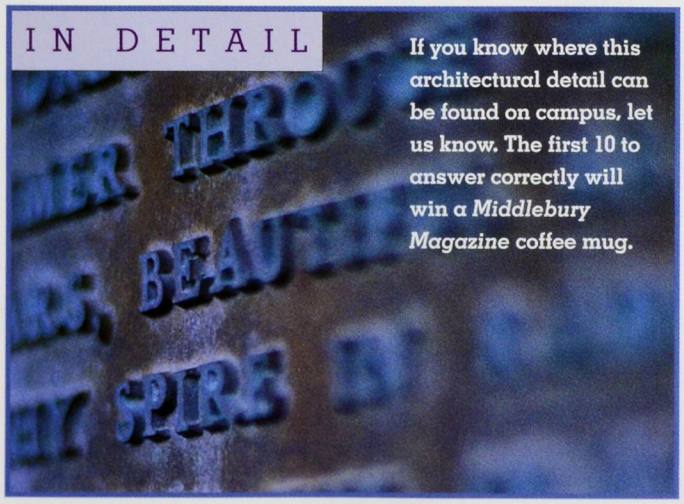
E. Only capitalists can kill capitalism.

F. I don't want my past to become your future.

G. It's the war, not us, that's moving like shade on a balcony.

H. Poetry justifies itself by giving voice to the unspeaking.

Answers: 1. F; 2. A; 3. G; 4. E; 5. H; 6. C; 7. B; 8. D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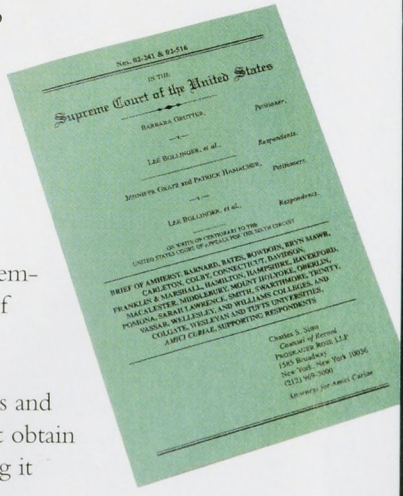
Middlebury Goes Courting

While friends and couples across the country celebrated Valentine's Day in February, Middlebury joined 28 other private liberal arts colleges and universities in delivering a personal valentine to the University of Michigan by way of the United States Supreme Court.

On February 14, the College joined a consortium of highly selective schools in filing a friend of the court brief in support of the University of Michigan in its upcoming Supreme Court cases involving an educational institution's ability to consider racial and ethnic diversity when admitting students. The brief urges the court to affirm current practices used in admissions decisions.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ON WRITS OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

BRIEF OF AMHERST, BARNARD, BATES, BOWDOIN, BRYN MAWR, CARLETON, COLBY, CONNECTICUT COLLEGE, DAVIDSON, FRANKLIN & MARSHALL, HAMILTON, HAMPSHIRE, HAVERFORD, MACALESTER, MIDDLEBURY, MOUNT HOLYOKE, OBERLIN, POMONA, SARAH LAWRENCE, SMITH, SWARTHMORE, TRINITY, VASSAR, WELLESLEY, AND WILLIAMS COLLEGES, AND COLGATE, WESLEYAN, AND TUFTS UNIVERSITIES, AMICI CURIAE, SUPPORTING RESPONDENTS

"Middlebury College is pleased to join our fellow liberal arts colleges in submitting this brief," President John M. McCardell, Jr., said in a February statement. "The position we take is consistent with our own policies and faithful to our history." The first African-American college graduate, Alexander Twilight, was a member of the Middlebury College class of 1823.

The brief stresses the particular concerns of small, competitive colleges and states, "highly selective colleges cannot obtain the diversity they seek without seeking it directly."

A month after the Bush Administration filed a brief with the Supreme Court opposing affirmative action policies at Michigan, the *New York Times* reported that more than 300 organizations representing academia, corporations, labor unions, and nearly 30 of the nation's top former military and civilian defense officials had filed briefs supporting the university.

The Supreme Court will hear the Michigan cases in April, with decisions expected in June.

Photographs by Josh Drake '03 and Tad Merrick

Faculty Shelf

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A STUDENT OF MOVEMENT or an aesthete to appreciate dance professor Andrea Olsen's message, beautifully delivered in her new book *Body and Earth: An Experiential Guide* (University Press of New England, 2002, with foreward by John Elder, Stewart Professor of English and Environmental Studies). Olsen wants people to be in touch with the planet and with their bodies. "Body is our first environment," she says. "It is the medium through which we know the earth."

Her book offers an inspiring program to become more in tune—in body and in place. Exploring fields as diverse as ecology, anatomy, geology, and biochemistry, Olsen provides a 31-day program to raise consciousness, improve physical sensibilities, and help people fully appreciate their connection to the world they live in.

Examples of exercises the book suggests: Movement—create a short dance, each day for a week, and notice how the place affects your movement. Water—visit a river and ask it 10 questions. Insects—write a story as though you are an insect. *Body and Earth* invites readers to investigate the surrounding world while taking a journey inside themselves.

Past Tense: April 5, 1901 *Middlebury Register*

"A system of shower-baths is being placed in the bathroom in Painter Hall. This is something that has long been needed by the students."

—*The College on the Hill,* David Haward Bain

Lob'stah Pay'pah

MIDDLEBURY. Ohio State. Lobstermen. Kind of incongruent, isn't it? Not for Rob Chisholm '03, author of "Drawing the Line: Informal Property Rights in a Nova Scotia Lobster Fishery." Chisholm's essay, part of his senior thesis, captured the grand prize in the environmental economics category in the 2002 Ohio State University National Undergraduate Essay Contest.

Growing up in a small Nova Scotia town where everyone was either a lobsterman or related to one, Chisholm was surrounded by people who benefited from informal resource management laws that governed the town's livelihood. He transferred to Middlebury from Princeton—in large part to pursue a major in environmental studies—and became immersed in resource management policy study. Time and again, he came back to the unique system in place in his hometown, where common-pool resources are in effect—namely, property rights are assigned to individual fishermen, establishing exclusive fishing areas, thus limiting the potential for overfishing.

This experience became the crux of his award-winning essay and the cornerstone of his thesis. "The lobster fishermen in Nova Scotia work hard and well with their community toward preserving their resources for the future," Chisholm says. "And this, I believe, is indicative of many lobster-fishing communities all the way from Maine to Newfoundland. Policy must recognize that kind of work at the grassroots level."

Jury Duty

FLETCHER PROFESSOR of the Arts Ted Perry was one of 13 people tapped to serve on the motion pictures jury for the third annual American Film Institute awards program. Jurors were sequestered in the Park Hyatt Hotel in Los Angeles for two days last December, where they "argued fervently about the virtues and defects of various films," Perry says.

The 2002 AFI jury chose to honor 10 films: *About a Boy, About Schmidt, Adaptation, Antwone Fisher, Chicago, Frida, Gangs of New York, The Hours, The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers,* and *The Quiet American.*

Now that's the type of jury duty experience you don't hear about every day.

Kudos for Klyza

POLITICAL SCIENCE and environmental studies professor Chris Klyza has been named Middlebury's first Stafford Professor. The appointment comes on the heels of the establishment of the Robert and Helen Stafford Professorship in Public Policy, named for former Vermont Senator Robert T. Stafford '35 and his wife Helen '38.

"The creation of this chair recognizes the distinguished public career of Robert Stafford and the loyalty of the Stafford family over the years and across the generations to Middlebury College," President John M. McCardell, Jr., says. "Chris Klyza's teaching and research in the field of environmental studies is well recognized and highly regarded. He is a most appropriate appointee to the Stafford Professorship."

PHOTOGRAPHS BY BOB HANDELMAN (ABOVE) AND JORDAN SILVERMAN (AT RIGHT)

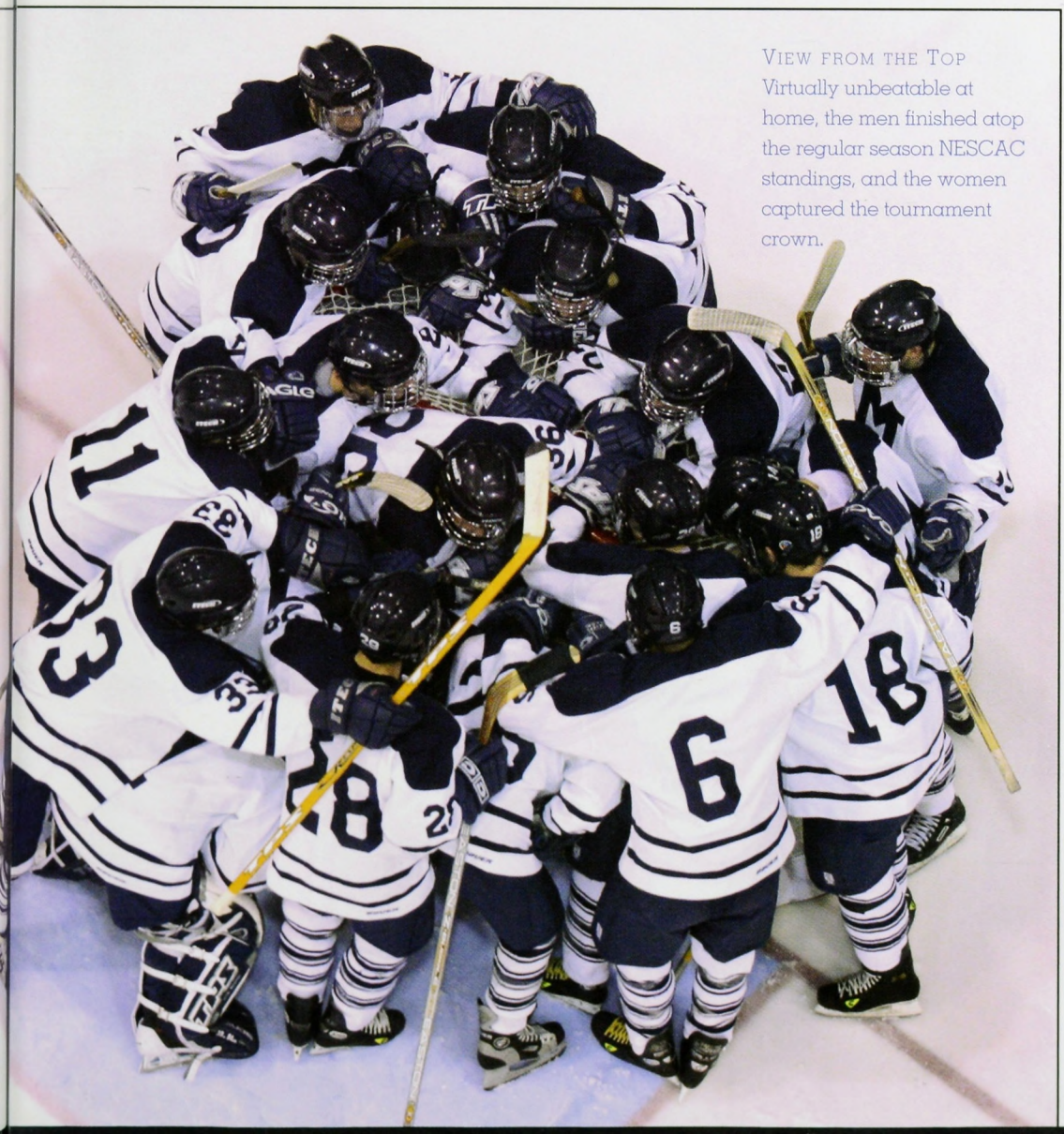
Lords of the Rink

THE CHIP KENYON ARENA may be one of the finest ice hockey facilities in all of Division III, but for Middlebury opponents, skating at The Chip is becoming akin to dropping the puck on a frozen Otter Creek in the dead of winter.

The Middlebury men's and women's squads dropped a total of three games on their home ice this year in skating to 25-5-2 (men) and 19-3-4 (women) records. The women captured their first NESCAC crown, upsetting top-seeded Bowdoin in Brunswick, 4-0, in the finals of the NESCAC tournament. The men advanced to the NESCAC title game as well, but were knocked off by second-seeded Trinity, 4-2, at The Chip, the Panther's lone home loss this season.

The women didn't fare as well the following week in a return trip to Brunswick for the first round of the NCAA tournament, dropping a 3-0 decision to the Polar Bears. The men, however, advanced to the Division III Frozen Four for the seventh time in the last nine seasons, by virtue of a 5-1 NCAA opening round win over Elmira. The Panthers bowed out in the semis, losing to Oswego 6-0.

For the second straight season, forward Kevin Cooper '04 was selected as a first-team All-American. The NESCAC player of the year led the Panthers with 26 goals and 41 points. Angela Kapus '03 matched Cooper's accomplishments by garnering NESCAC player of the year and first-team All-American honors on the women's side. Kapus led the Panthers with 54 points and 35 assists. Leading goal-scorer Amber Neil '03 (20 goals) was also a first-team All-American selection.



VIEW FROM THE TOP Virtually unbeatable at home, the men finished atop the regular season NESCAC standings, and the women captured the tournament crown.

Hoop Dreams

WHEN MEN'S BASKETBALL coach Jeff Brown decided to install an up-tempo offense prior to the 2002–03 season, he was hoping to inject some energy into a program that hadn't had a winning season in more than a decade. What he didn't expect was a record-breaking campaign that would see the Panthers set school records for points in a season (2,127) and scoring average (85.1 points per game). Previous highs were 1,864 points in 1970–71 and an 80.7 average in 1990–91.

Middlebury posted a 15–10 record, the first winning season in men's hoops since 1990–91 and the highest win total since the 1974–75 team won 17 games.

Picking Up Butch

IN AN ARENA where tradition is king, one of college sports' most endearing traditions—Picking Up Butch—has made a splash on the national scene thanks to *Sports Illustrated*'s Rick Reilley.

Butch is Butch Varno, a Middlebury resident with cerebral palsy, who has attended Panther football and basketball games for the past 42 years. Reilly heard about the Middlebury tradition of first-year athletes transporting Butch to and from Panther games and chose to write about the event in his *Life of Reilly* column.

"The best college tradition is not dotting the *i* at Ohio State," Reilly wrote. "It's not stealing the goat from Navy. Or waving the wheat at Kansas. It's Picking Up Butch at Middlebury College."

Just don't ask us to take on the Buckeyes on the gridiron.

Twin Billing

Go ahead and look again. The Neil sisters are used to double takes.

By Bruce Wood

Eleven minutes, one and a half ounces, and one cowlick were all that separated Amber '03 and Erin Neil '03 at birth. Not much more has come between them since.

Arriving together at Middlebury in the fall of 1999 after a year at Lake Placid's National Sports Academy, the twins from Port Crane, New York, proceeded to help the Panthers skate away with the American Women's College Hockey Alliance Division III national championship their first two winters. As juniors, they finished one-two on the team in points, while leading Middlebury to the inaugural NCAA Division III championship tournament. And this winter, Erin repaid Amber for beating her out of the blocks on June 10, 1981, by getting point No. 100—all of one game ahead of her barely older sister.

The Neils' statistics on the ice are similar. Their appearance, sans helmet, pads, and skates, is almost identical. Neither is much of an artist, and both admit the world would be a safer place if they were told to lip-sync instead of sing. They share the same infectious giggle, and their uniform numbers are one digit apart (Erin is 22 and Amber 23). So they really are identical, right?

Well, no.

"I was told they were fraternal," their mother, Cindy, says. "When I found out I was having twins, I joined a mother-of-twins club. I found out that [predictions] are wrong 30 percent of the time, and I kind of think this is one of them."

Their father, Mike, who put the girls on skates at age six and carted them up to a rink in Clinton, New York, to give them their first try at hockey a couple of years later, learned over time that it is a wise parenting idea not to compare the twins. He had no choice when they were tiny.

"You really had trouble telling them apart when they were babies," he says. "Baby A, Amber, had one cowlick in the back of her head. Baby B, Erin, had two. That was it. They were so much alike. They are supposedly fraternal, but I think you could argue that."

Though regularly confused for each other, the sisters pulled the age-old twin prank of trying to pass for each other just once in high school. "It was in biology class when we sat in each other's seat, and the teacher had no idea. We thought about doing it [more often], but we didn't want to get caught," Erin says.

"When I look at her, I don't see it," Erin continues. "Well, I kind of see how she

Mirror Image
Not much separates Erin (blue sweater) and Amber Neil (white sweater)—on or off the ice.

Photograph by Bob Handelman

looks like me, but I'm like, No, that's Amber. I don't see how people can't tell us apart. If it's acquaintances, sometimes we'll say hi to people we don't even know to make it easier. But if it's our teammates, it's annoying because they should know us by now."

To be sure, there was some confusion on the Kenyon Arena ice in the early days, what with another set of

hockey-playing twins just a year ahead of them. But Amber, at 5-foot-5 the shorter by an inch, and Erin, who plays forward to her sister's defense, have different styles on the ice.

"It's been difficult at times because they've kind of gotten lumped together," says Bill Mandigo, head coach of women's ice hockey since 1988. "Erin is a smooth, sweet skater and very fast. Amber is very smart and tough on the ice, with an offensive approach for someone who plays defense. We put her in the middle of the power play in the slot because she has an unbelievably quick release.

	Amber	Erin
Major	Psychology	Neuroscience
Coke or Pepsi	Coke	Coke
Favorite subject as a kid	Math	Math
Favorite Web site	Ebay	MSN
Favorite season	Winter	Spring
Morning person or night owl	Morning person	Morning person
Smooth or crunchy	Smooth	Smooth
Favorite thing about Midd	Scenery	Hiking
Favorite TV show	"Will & Grace"	"Will & Grace"
Favorite NHL player	Dominik Hasek	Sergei Zubov
Favorite place to study	My room	My room
Best friend	Erin	Amber

"Amber plays the game with a little bit of an edge, and every once in a while you have to let her know to calm down. And Erin, my goodness, just watch her skate. They are completely different out there. You just have to watch them to see it."

Like any twins, they really are different. Like any twins, they also are the same. More the same than they know.

Listen to Erin describe Amber's play: "She is really determined. She's always had a lot of fire and gets mad a lot quicker than I do. If they steal the puck from her, she's going to get it back. Sometimes I wish I could do that more often."

Now listen to Amber describe Erin's play: "As a hockey player she never gives up. She always wants to beat the other person to the puck. She'll get mad and get the puck back from them. She'll dig and dig until she can get it."

Mandigo says the Neils have Division I talent, and they might have ended up playing at that level if they hadn't enjoyed such a positive experience at the National Sports Academy, where the small-town girls started to come out of their shells.

"When we were looking at colleges we visited Northeastern and Colgate and Cornell, which were close to home," recalls Amber. "Northeastern was in the city with a fence around it. We wanted to leave as soon as we got there. We came up here and everything was brand- new. You could just tell people were treated well, and everyone was nice. The scenery was a lot like Lake Placid, so it felt like home."

Now, after four years in the Champlain Valley, the sisters—who started their careers playing on boys' Mite and PeeWee teams coached by Mike Neil—know their competitive hockey days are probably over. Although a scout from the Quebec Avalanche of the Canadian pro league chatted them up and invited them to watch a game when they were in Canada at the beginning of January, they don't expect to be chasing pucks north of the border.

"There are no benefits," Erin says a little sadly. "I feel like that would be more of a setback, because our lives aren't going to be hockey, hockey, hockey after this year."

Sure, when they are home visiting their parents they'll fill in when the police and firefighters are running short of players for their games at the Broome County rink, and with their love of children, coaching kids in the game that has brought them joy is a given.

But a little work experience and graduate schools, plural, come first.

That will mean the sisters go their separate ways for the first time. Neither expects the separation to be permanent.

"Because we have different majors and different goals, we'll go to different grad schools," Erin says. (Erin is a neuroscience major, and Amber majors in psychology.) "It will be good for us. But we are each other's best friend, and any best friend would love to live near their best friend."

Where that will be, they can't know. But Amber has a hunch.

"It will probably be in the Northeast, because that's where the hockey is," she says. "We always talked about building our own ice rink complex together.

"We're going to have two rinks in it and call it Twin Arenas."

Bruce Wood covers college athletics for The Valley News, *a daily newspaper in Lebanon, N.H.*

Into the Wild

Five Midd kids find the intersection of art and science in the remote woods of Maine.

By Wayne Curtis

Falling into peat bogs, being savaged by mosquitoes, and bivouacking in a worn, old house with low ceilings and a sketchy septic system: Is this any way for artists to spend a summer?

Five Middlebury students and graduates found out last summer in the remote village of Grand Lake Stream, situated deep in the Maine woods near the Canadian border and not far from the easternmost point of the United States. Well-known among anglers for its landlocked salmon, the small town (pop. 190), with its single general store, sits at the head of a three-mile river that links two massive lake systems. Flanking these lakes are ponds, streams, timberlands, and bogs, a damp and complex ecosystem that's home to a population of bald eagles, nesting loons, and . . . well, nobody has been exactly sure what else.

To find out, the Downeast Lakes Land Trust invited the Middlebury students to spend the summer helping them to learn more about the lands, in particular a 27,000-acre parcel of timberland (including some 40 miles of wild shore frontage) that the trust hopes to buy in partnership with the New England Forestry Foundation and protect from development. Although the Downeast Lakes region had been identified by the Northern Forest Alliance as the most exceptional lake ecosystem in the northeastern United States, a comprehensive biological inventory had never been undertaken. One of the first steps in the process was to catalog the plants and wildlife that populated the region.

But the program, created and overseen by Middlebury Professor of Dance Andrea Olsen (who happens to be a Grand Lake Stream summer resident; her husband, Stephen Keith, is a founder of the trust), was more than a field inventory. It was a chance for the students to learn how science and art can intertwine and build upon one another.

For Olsen, combining the two wasn't much of a stretch. Middlebury was one of the first schools in the nation to allow students to focus on arts within the environmental studies program. "The project really had a dual purpose," she said. "To engage in scientific inquiry, and then to reflect on that process."

While two of the students focused largely on science—Ben Calvi '02 coordinated the studies, and Laurie Richmond '02 worked with a computerized GIS mapping system to archive and display the results of the research—the three other students divided their days between science and art.

Maine, at Dusk
When not conducting an inventory of dragonflies, photographer Ben Brouwer '04 captured nature at its most beautiful moments.

Photograph by Ben Brouwer '04

Ben Brouwer '04 inventoried dragonflies while he honed his photography skills. Joe Schine '03 and Andrea St. John '03 both undertook surveys of plants, loons, and other shore birds; Schine, a studio art major, spent part of his days painting, and St. John, an environmental studies major, documented the project through creative writing.

For the biological inventory, the five worked with a field naturalist, local guides, and state officials to craft a research program. The idea was to give the trust a better sense of which areas should be managed with the highest sensitivity. Most of the lakeshore is undeveloped and little is accessible by road. Traveling by canoe, motorboat, and foot, the students tracked down impressively elaborate bald eagle nests and located 36 pairs of loons tending their chicks on the 25 lakes surveyed. They also explored bogs, using nets to capture dragonflies, which they preserved, drying them in plastic envelopes pinned to the shingled walls of their house. These were later sent to the state biologist as part of a statewide study.

It's a complex ecosystem that's home to bald eagles, nesting loons, and...well, nobody has been exactly sure what else.

Striking the right balance between science and art was trickier than one might think. It wasn't just morning paddles down the lake, with a clipboard in hand, followed by lazy afternoons at an easel or typewriter. The students had to fight a natural inclination to believe that being in the field was productive, while the time spent pursuing creative efforts was not. "Do you value the time spent painting and writing equally with scientific research?" Olsen asked. "Part of my job was to coach them that it was all right to go and paint for three hours."

That time was important because it encouraged the students to discover how science interrelates with the creative arts. The field inventories required that the students pay keen attention to their surroundings, noticing things that they might not otherwise have seen. "One of the functions of art is to heighten your ability to see what's there," Olsen said. "But you need to have enough science to be articulate about what you're doing."

Yet improving one's observation skills and gathering data aren't enough; you also need to develop a voice and a perspective that can effectively convey that information. "I think they came to value how hard it was to develop and transmit a point of view," said Olsen.

To outsiders, scientific research often seems a monastic endeavor, with scientists making private discoveries they're comfortable sharing only with their colleagues. But another set of skills is essential in communicating the natural world to the public, and without that next step, the ability to use data to effect change is limited. As Harvard's Lawrence Buell suggested in a Middlebury lecture in 2000, science isn't enough for environmental change. The arts are also needed to capture the public imagination.

"Environmental studies students today are what I consider to be the art students of the 1960s," Olsen said. "They feel like they can change the world." And learning how to capture the imagination of an often disinterested or disheartened public may be one of the biggest challenges they face.

Calvi believes that their liberal arts education gave them a good basis for synthesizing these various disciplines. "At school we've learned to be really flexible, not one-track about something," he said. "They let us come here and approach the ecological study in our own ways. We realize that preserving that landscape is going to take more than just science or art. So many different perspectives need to be kept in mind."

The five faced more practical challenges, too—like navigating peat bogs, vast mats of dense vegetation floating on tea-colored water, which define much of the boreal forest. The students spent considerable time on the bogs collecting dragonflies, and discovered that peat is often strong and pliable enough to walk on—but not always. They all fell through at one point or another, and made this small, personal discovery: the water's warm at the top, but it gets pretty cold about four feet down.

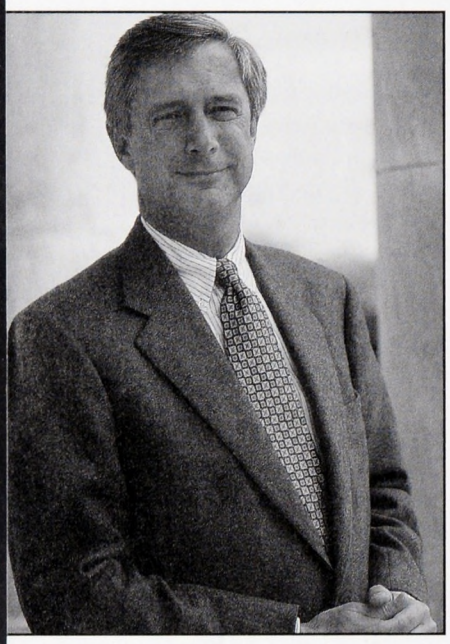
"We've been talking all summer about connecting ourselves with the landscape," said Schine, "and you couldn't be more connected than when you're immersed in a swamp."

Wayne Curtis writes from Peaks Island, Maine. His stories have appeared in The Atlantic Monthly, Preservation Magazine *and the* New York Times.

Vision Quest

Predicting the future is a tricky business. But in higher education, you have to look ahead.

By John M. McCardell, Jr.



"After it, follow it, follow the gleam."

As it was for Alfred Lord Tennyson's Merlin, so it is for those of us privileged to serve as leaders in higher education. The "gleam," in Tennyson's formulation, is some more perfect (or, because we are human, less imperfect) state of being that lies always before us, always visible, always seemingly attainable, yet always just out of reach, growing more brilliant even as it recedes to the more distant horizon.

The "gleam" may perhaps better be thought of as "vision." Any institution that seeks to make itself more excellent must have a vision. Vision shapes and directs. It clarifies. And it beckons. Always it beckons.

Middlebury College has a vision toward which we have all been striving over the past decade. We have employed a powerful metaphor to articulate this vision. We seek to ascend "peaks of conspicuous excellence" in language, literature, international studies, environmental studies, and residential life. We seek to give our students connections, with one another, with faculty and staff, with alumni, and with the ways in which the subjects they study have "real-world" application. This vision is based upon a commitment to general excellence in the liberal arts. There is a role in the pursuit of this vision for all who seek excellence and all who understand how their own unique talents and resources can help us to realize it.

We have made giant strides of ascent, as just about every statistical indicator will verify. But, like Merlin, we are never, can never be, satisfied. The world continues to turn. New challenges and new opportunities continue to emerge. The College of the present will be no more appealing to students of the future than the College of other presents would be to the current generation of undergraduates. That is why we must recognize the dynamic nature of our environment and our special enterprise and do all we can to be nimble and adaptive while, at the same time, preserving those essential attributes that have long been distinguishing characteristics of our College.

And that, in turn, is why I was pleased recently to have been invited to think a bit about the future of higher education with a group of fellow presidents (from institutions also known to have coherent and compelling visions: Furman University, Macalester College, and Pomona College). The invitation came from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, which have been generous in support of liberal arts colleges in general, and Middlebury College in particular, and the conference took place in the agreeable (especially so in January!) confines of the Gasparilla Inn in Boca Grande, Florida.

College presidents are never at a loss for an opinion. So the presentations and ensuing discussion were lively, indeed. As I contemplated my own remarks, I found myself thinking in new ways about both the last—and next—10 years. What follows is the briefest distillation of those thoughts. They are personal, unofficial, and, perhaps in a few instances, half-baked. They are in some cases, but not all, Middlebury-specific. They assume that change will build on successes of the past rather than uproot those successes or abandon them.

I share these thoughts with you in the immodest hope that they might stimulate within our broad extended family a renewed desire to think about the future and serve as a reminder that places like Middlebury must always think of ourselves as in a state of "becoming," as we persist in following the "gleam."

To begin, it seems probable that the essential claims of the residential liberal arts college will continue to be, as they have been, based upon size, scale, and frequent interaction, in and out of the classroom, within and among the generations. Students and their families will continue to expect us

to be concerned with developing the "whole person" committed to lifelong learning. As a result, those institutions which take as their principal task the creation and sustaining of genuine communities of learning—whether in the classroom or laboratory, in the residence hall or dining room, in the student organization or on the playing field—are most likely to be able to attract the very strongest applicants and command a premium for the value of the educational experience provided. In simplest form, this is the destination over which the "gleam" shines.

There is no reason to suppose that the blurring of disciplinary distinctions, evident in the growing number of our graduates with double, joint, or interdisciplinary majors, will do anything but accelerate. The "real" curriculum, defined as the courses students take, may find itself coming closer to collision with the prescribed curriculum, defined as the College degree requirements. In this environment, finding the proper balance between breadth and depth of study will prompt students to challenge, and faculties to justify, whatever the institution, or individual department or program, may require.

As disciplinary boundaries become less precise, so too will the traditional patterns of enrollment and pace of progress toward the degree. Fewer students are likely to proceed in lockstep through eight consecutive semesters of full-time study. Some will seek to move more swiftly; others will take more time. More students will choose either to do a 13th year of high school or to take some time off from study, either between high school and college, or during their college careers. Even at liberal arts colleges, the student population is less apt to comprise exclusively young people between the ages of 18 and 22. More first-year students will be 19 or 20, more seniors 24 or 25. If these changes come to pass, admissions offices will need to be more flexible, and enrollment planning will become even more challenging.

If these predictions are even close to correct, terms like "semester" will have less and less meaning.

It is also possible to imagine someone successfully challenging one of our central assumptions: that all subjects are equally well taught and learned in 12-week semesters, punctuated by tests and papers and concluded with a final exam (taken during a period that cannot, under any circumstances, be intruded upon by anyone for any reason), and conveniently timed to give everyone two weeks' vacation at Christmas and three months off in the summer. The challenge will come, in part, from those who point out that this is not the most effective way to prepare students for the realities of the real world. It will come more effectively from those who are able to demonstrate that students and faculty can indeed pursue a daily, weekly, and annual calendar that is based more upon the amount of time that is required to master a subject than upon the need for administrative (if not also psychological) tidiness. The faintest glimmer of these changes may already be discerned in some public school systems, which boldly assert that year-round study is not automatically harmful.

If these predictions are even close to correct, quaint terms like "semester," and customs like class reunions, will have less and less meaning. Learning will come to be understood as the continuous process that, in fact, it is. Returning to campus at five-year intervals will continue to be administratively convenient but will also bring back groups of alumni who are as likely to define their "class" as the group with whom they entered as the group with whom they graduated.

The faculty and staff who inhabit this brave new world will be no less committed to the work of the liberal arts college than were their predecessors. But they will reflect the many demographic changes now under way that, like tectonic plates, are shifting many of our traditional understandings. Attracting and retaining excellent faculty and staff will place before us the need to create a supportive work environment, and we will need to address not only salary and benefits but also the demands of households with two working spouses who will have either child care or elderly care (or both) needs. The new generation of faculty may even be prompted to ask whether the political climate of the 1940s, which led to the creation of tenure in order to protect academic freedom, may finally have passed, and, with it, the need to have lifetime employment guaranteed. Those who have opposed tenure may discover that its elimination brings higher costs and less continuity, eroding many of those things that have made institutions like Middlebury distinctive. Those who have supported tenure may find that free agency offers professional chemists and historians the same sort of benefits as those enjoyed by, for example, professional athletes.

But enough. To predict any of these things is to do little more than engage in a kind of academic parlor game. Even if all of these scenarios turn out to be correct—or, for that matter, even if they all turn out to be wrong—they are no substitute for vision. They are not the "gleam." They are, however, the conditions under which the "gleam" will be pursued. To be made aware of them, however, is not to succumb to being distracted by them, for in the end, our proper focus must remain fixed on loftier places, where true excellence resides, and where the "gleam" continues to draw us.

What's for Dinner?

Noted environmentalist Bill McKibben offers food for thought.

By Melissa Pasanen

The students in Bill McKibben's course about sustainable food production expected to learn why a locally grown tomato is better than one shipped, hard and green, across the country and then gassed into a false bloom of ripeness—but they did not expect to eat so well together.

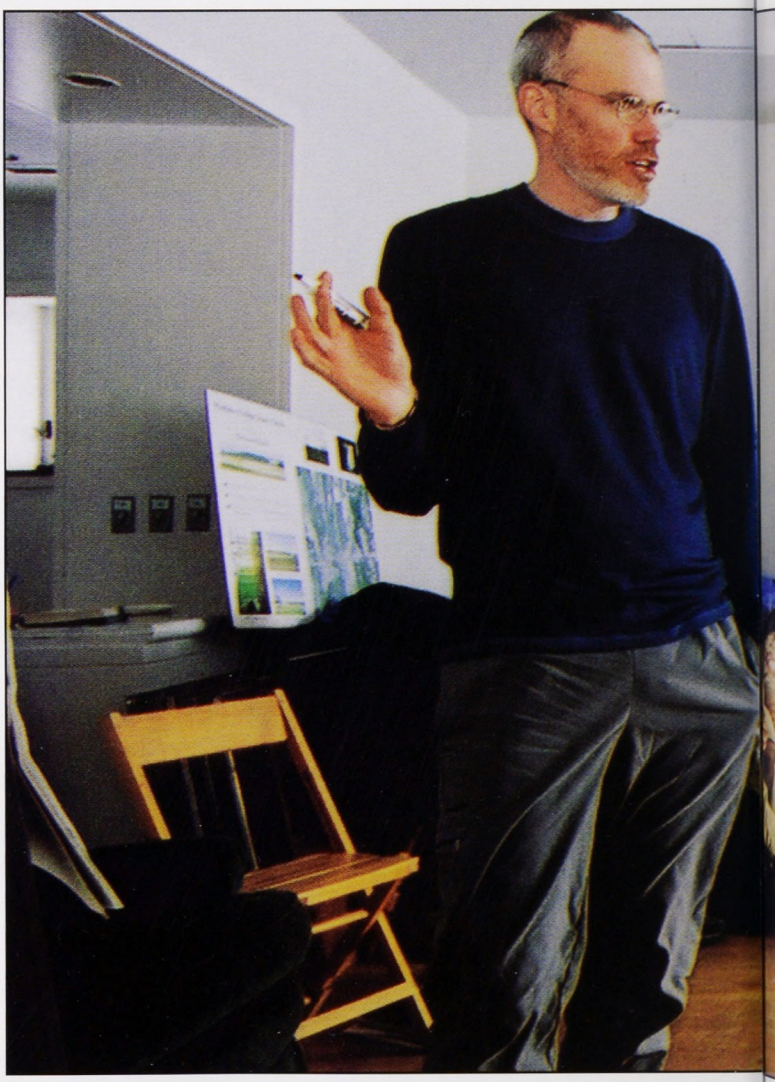
Every day of the winter-term class, students signed up to cook for their classmates with as many local ingredients as they could find, and it wasn't as hard as one might think. "In large part, our food system relies on the fact that it's always summer somewhere," says McKibben, the writer and environmentalist who is in his second year at Middlebury as a visiting scholar in environmental studies. "We have replaced root cellars with airplanes and trucks," he continues. "But the clear conclusion of this class is that it's not nearly as necessary as it is prevalent."

The delicious smells wafting each morning from the small kitchen at the back of Coffrin Hall were tangible proof of this conclusion. Students served up sweet baked apples, roasted garlic soup, Spanish-style tortilla omelets, and moist butternut squash muffins made with local fruits and vegetables, dairy and eggs, and flour milled in nearby Orwell. Some even foraged in the snow for highbush cranberries to make jewel-bright jam, brewed tea from pine needles, and dug cattail root out of the frozen ground to thicken winter vegetable soup.

Students munched happily while McKibben led discussions on the political and economic realities of food production; shared his experiences in rural communities from Brazil to India; and hosted a wide range of guests including local farmers, chefs, and environmental advocates. The group also visited area farms and restaurants that feature local ingredients. "We've been eating well," McKibben said with satisfaction. "It's the most useful thing we've done. Food to me is pointless to discuss in the abstract."

The subject of food flows easily from McKibben's work examining the relationship between humans and planet Earth. "Food is one of the central issues of our lives," he explains. "It's a very useful way to think about a lot of things. One of the biggest uses of energy on Earth is the transport of food. We could shorten the supply lines to the great benefit of the environment, to the health of communities, and to the taste of things on our tongues."

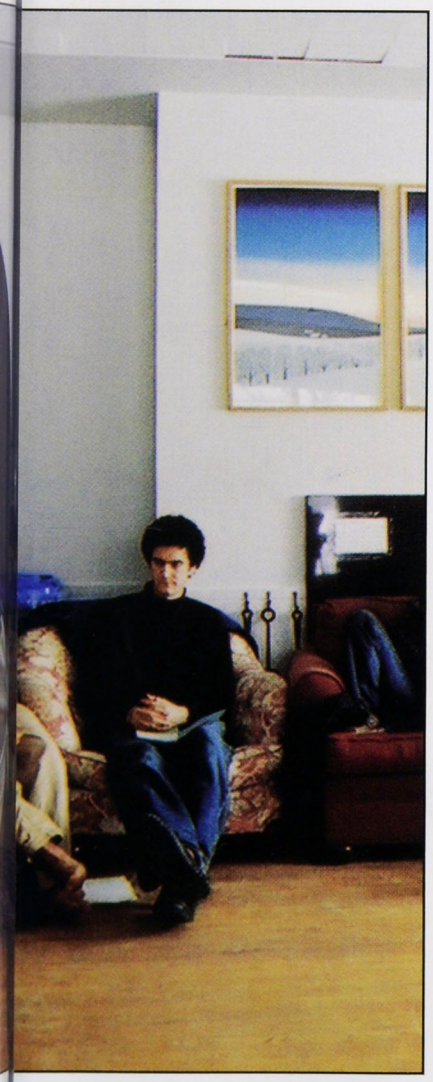
The 1989 publication of *The End of Nature*—an urgent



From Soup to Nuts
Bill McKibben has traveled the globe, observing the natural world at its best—and worst. He believes the answer to many of our problems can be found in the global food system.

Photograph by Bob Handelman

call to reevaluate human impacts on the natural world—brought the former *New Yorker* staff writer to the forefront of environmental writing. The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* compared his book to Rachel Carson's classic *Silent Spring*. "*The End of Nature* may convert you, or it may infuriate you," said the newspaper. "But the world will never again look the same to you."



McKibben has since authored seven more books and contributes regularly to many publications, including the *New York Times*, the *New York Review of Books*, and *Natural History*.

The needs of the community versus those of the individual are a constant refrain in McKibben's work, and being part of the Middlebury community is very important to him. In the attic office he occupies in Farrell House, McKibben unfolds his tall, lean frame from a chair to greet a visitor. A pair of red suspenders hangs casually over wool herringbone trousers, and his boyish enthusiasm contrasts with a gingery-gray beard and impressive curriculum vitae, which includes Guggenheim and Harvard fellowships, along with a lengthy list of awards and honorary degrees. Despite these credentials, he still seems a little surprised at his good fortune. "I'm here under false pretenses," he protests. "To call me a scholar-in-residence is a stretch. I'm not an academic, and I'm not a real teacher." But it is precisely these missing qualifications that made McKibben a great fit for Middlebury's visiting-scholar program.

The program, says Middlebury's director of environmental affairs, Nan Jenks-Jay, is "a wonderful opportunity for knowledgeable practitioners like Bill to influence Middlebury's thinking and to provide intellectual discourse and the connections they bring to the outside world.

"He is an ambassador for us when he travels," Jenks-Jay continues, "and his door is always open to students and faculty when he's here. But he's not just here in mind and body; he's here in spirit, in a way that is benefiting the students, faculty, and Middlebury as a whole."

The J-term course was McKibben's first extended contact with a group of Middlebury students, and he was impressed—not only with their intellectual ability and drive—but also with their vision. "They are ready to do things in the world," he says. He has been especially pleased to support the new student-initiated Middlebury College Organic Garden, which will reap its first harvest this summer from a three-acre plot located a quarter-mile west of Bicentennial Hall.

> **"Food is one of the central issues of our lives. It's a very useful way to think about a lot of things."**

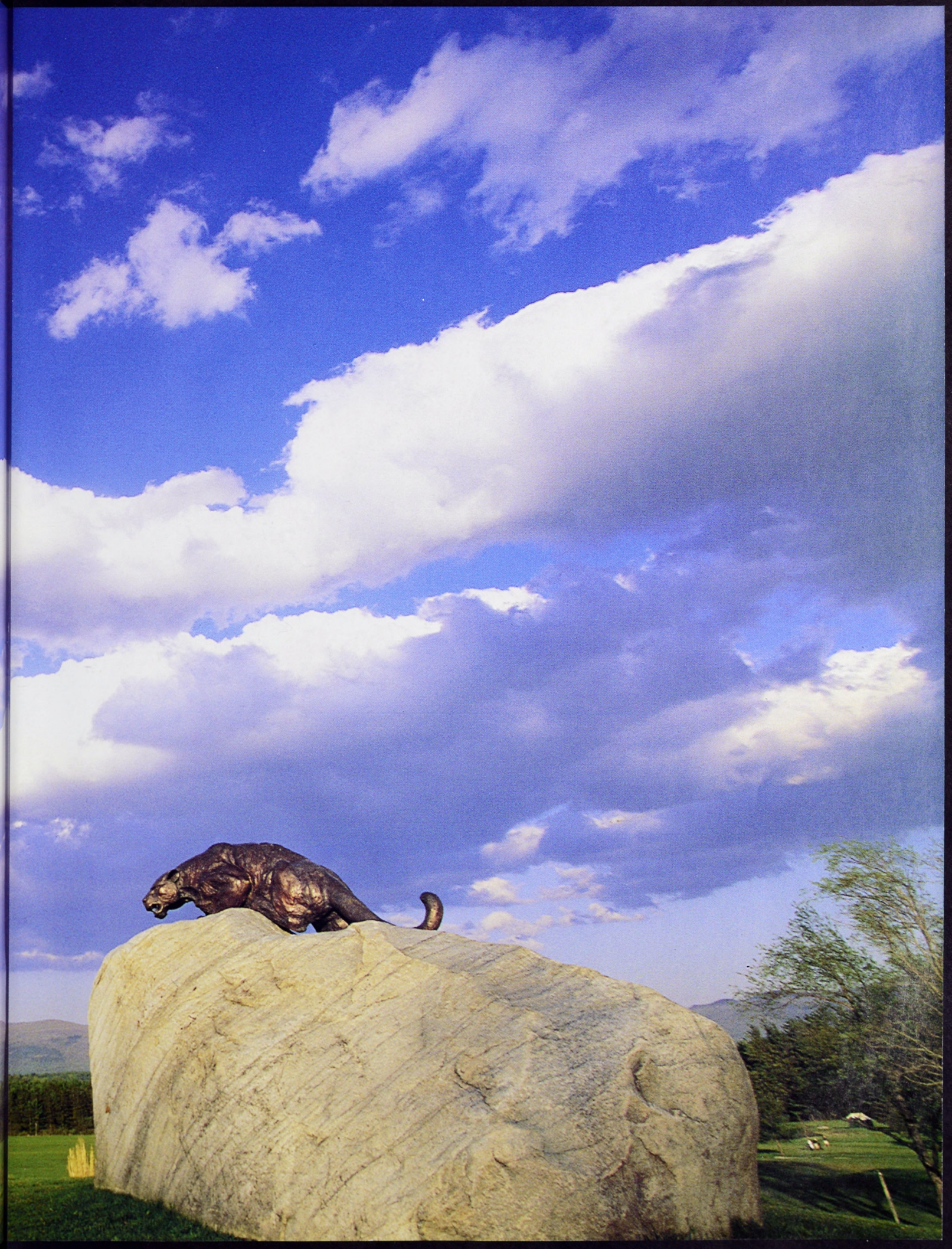
Many of the students involved in the organic garden were enrolled in McKibben's course, including one of the cofounders, Bennett Konesni '04. Konesni admits that the issues around the global food system are so big, they can be overwhelming. But "just having Bill McKibben here teaching about creative, positive ways to create good food in your community makes you optimistic," says Konesni.

A two-hour session towards the end of the term began with a discussion of what to serve to the final lunch guests, which included farmers, restaurateurs, a miller, a beekeeper, and staff from the Middlebury natural foods store. McKibben moved the discussion fluidly from the cultivation of genetically modified corn in the U.S. to organic farming in Cuban cities. The class critiqued an essay by Wendell Berry and debated the merits of "America the Beautiful" as a celebration of the nation's agrarian roots. The plight of Vermont dairy farmers segued to McKibben's travels through desolate Siberian collective farms during early *perestroika* and wound around to campaign finance reform. Threads of conversation crisscrossed the globe, but they were all connected to food.

Two days later McKibben delivered an address to Middlebury's February seniors. He talked about washing dishes with his J-term students at Proctor, about sharing work along with loud music and laughter. He warned the seniors to watch out for the lure of individual success, to always remember the joy of working together towards a common goal. "Figure out how to build community," he urged. "Leave some time and space in your life and in your heart." Grow vegetables with your friends, he might have said, make soup, and share a bowl together.

Melissa Pasanen wrote "Italian Affair" in the winter 2003 magazine.

MIDD'S GATEKEEPER
The ever vigilant Middlebury panther stands watch over Youngman Field.
Photograph by Bob Handelman



Flatlanders

\flat-lan-dər\ *n* 1: person who comes from a region where the land is predominantly flat. 2: person not indigenous to Vermont.

By Sarah Stewart Taylor '93
Illustrations by Michelle Chang

Drawn to the Green Mountain State as teenagers, these Midd grads have come to call Vermont home. Their contributions to the state's identity are enough to forgive them for being "from away."

The Tip Top Media and Arts Building is bright and labyrinthine. Orange and blue hallways disappear around corners, and walls are covered with large canvases by local painters Mark Merrill and Georgina Forbes. The building once housed a bakery—the whole structure has a funky, industrial feel—and owner Matt Bucy '86 has incorporated elements of the bakery's original design into the renovated structure. Artists' studios and office suites are carved out of space that was once used for making dough and bagging bread.

It's the kind of hip, high-tech nexus of creative inspiration and architectural experimentation that you'd expect to find in New York or San Francisco—but certainly not in White River Junction, Vermont. Bucy, a painter and filmmaker, thinks that's great.

Bucy has a symbiotic relationship with White River Junction. The Denver native has given the quiet burg on the Connecticut River a shot in the arm in its revitalization efforts, and Vermont has given him, well, Vermont.

"I like the politics, the quirkiness, the defiance, and independence of Vermont," he says. "I feel like I've created a community for myself here."

Bucy isn't alone. More than 2,000 alumni currently live in the nation's second least populous state, and while the College has always had a role in educating the state's best and brightest, more and more alums who grew up *outside* Vermont's borders are helping shape the future of the Green Mountain State.

Take Republican governor Jim Douglas '72, for instance, who grew up in Massachusetts. He's called Middlebury home since graduation (heck, he even married a Middlebury resident), and observers of state government give him a hard time for having created a "Middlebury Mafia"—his chief of staff and a number of other top advisers and agency heads are alums.

But a forewarning to those flatlanders who may want to give Vermont a go: The idealized version of Vermont that Middlebury students see during their four years on campus can be a far cry from the reality of life in the North Country. Finding a lucrative niche in the state's small economy can be tough, as evidenced by the bumper sticker that reads "Moonlighting in Vermont."

But then, these nonnative Vermonters say, there are the late June sunsets, the hush of a January snowfall, the satisfaction of recognizing most everybody you encounter during the course of a business day, the opportunity to *really* make a difference. For some, four years in Vermont aren't enough.

Jim Douglas '72

GOVERNOR ■ MIDDLEBURY

POLITICS KEPT JIM DOUGLAS '72 IN VERMONT after graduation, and politics have kept him in the state ever since.

A native of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, Douglas decided to make his first foray into public service when he learned during his senior year at Middlebury that one of the town's two members of the state House of Representatives had decided not to run for reelection. "I sought the support of incumbent Ralph Eaton, who was personnel director of the College," Douglas remembers, "and he said, 'Don't make the announcement until after graduation. You don't want the headline to be *Middlebury College Student Running for Office*. You want it to be *Middlebury College Graduate Running for Office*.'"

Douglas won his first race, spent six years in the House of Representatives, and was elected majority leader at 25. He served as Vermont's secretary of state from 1980–1992, and while he failed in a bid for the U.S. Senate, he bounced back to serve 10 years as state treasurer before capturing the state's highest office last November. Douglas's victory over then Lieutenant Governor Doug Racine catapulted a Republican into the Vermont Statehouse for the first time in 12 years.

Of course, Douglas's Vermont life hasn't been influenced by politics alone. He married a Middlebury native, Dorothy Foster, a dental hygienist he met at a local dentist's office. And he embraces the people of the state and the Vermont way of life. It's a beautiful state populated by "indomitable" people, Douglas says. And what's not to like about that?

Molly Stevens '81

FOOD WRITER ■ NORTH WILLISTON

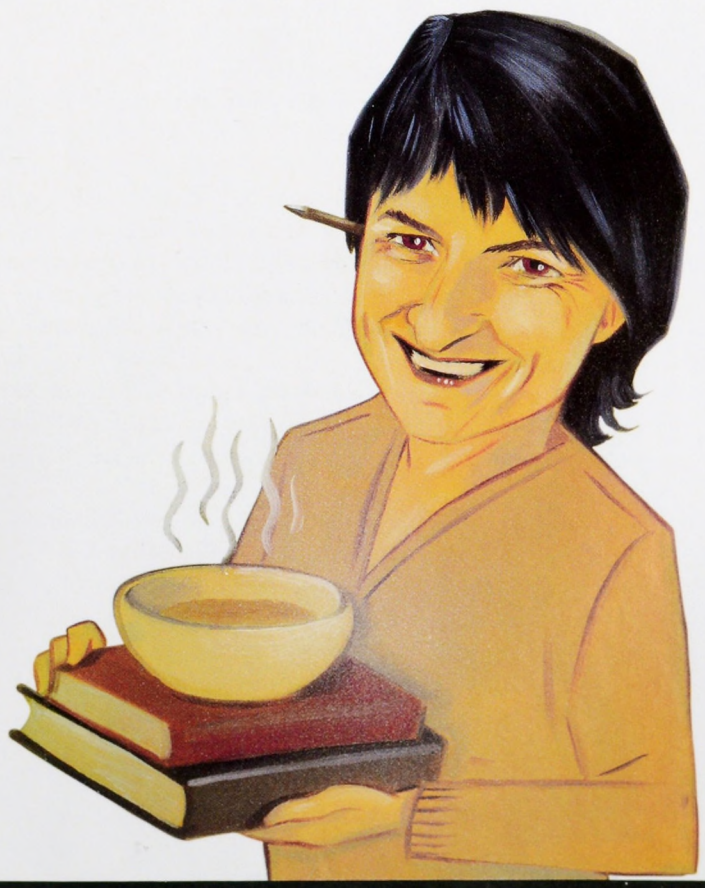
EVER WONDER HOW TO MAKE BLACKBERRY FOOL, dandelion greens with garlic and white wine, venison stew, or Vermont cheddar and walnut crisps?

Molly Stevens '81, a Vermont-based food writer and author of Williams-Sonoma's popular New England cookbook, has been entertaining (and enticing) foodies with eclectic fare for nearly 15 years.

Stevens, a Buffalo native, studied and taught culinary arts in New York and Paris before an encounter on a Vermont ski slope drew her back to the Green Mountain State. While skiing at Mad River Glen in 1988, Stevens met her future husband, a civil engineer named Mark Smith. Fast forward several years, and the two are married and living in North Williston in a house built by Smith.

Once back in New England, Stevens taught at the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier before deciding to add journalism to her cooking repertoire. She has served as a contributing editor for *Fine Cooking* magazine, coauthored cookbooks titled *One Potato, Two Potato* and *The Best American Recipes 2002-2003,* and is now writing a cookbook about braising for W.W. Norton. Stevens has also contributed to the *Joy of Cooking* and other publications.

In her New England cookbook, Stevens writes about how her adopted home has complemented her interest in food. At community suppers, country fairs, and in farmhouse kitchens, Stevens has discovered the Vermont mystique that surrounds hearth and home; it's been a discovery that resonates in both her cooking and writing.



Terry Bouricius '76

POLITICAL ANALYST ■ BURLINGTON

LIKE MANY GRADUATES IN THE 1970S (see John Baker, p. 31), Terry Bouricius '76 had no clue what he wanted to do after graduating from Middlebury. "I had no idea if I was going to get in the car with my folks and head home or stay here," he claims. And like Baker, he opted to extend his stay in the Champlain Valley. He rented a room in town and worked odd jobs before making his way to Burlington, where he would eventually help transform the state's political landscape.

When Independent Bernie Sanders rode the wave of progressive reform all the way to Burlington's City Hall in 1981 (knocking off incumbent mayor Gordon Paquette by 10 votes), Bouricius was along for the ride. A political science major, Bouricius found that the issues championed by the state's evolving progressive movement resonated with him, and, having established roots in Burlington, he successfully captured a seat on the Burlington City Council in the same election that propelled Sanders to City Hall.

Bouricius served 10 years on the council and another 10 in the Vermont House of Representatives, backing the 1997 campaign finance reform bill and witnessing the rise of the Progressive Party to third-party status in 1999.

Bouricius is now a senior analyst at the Center for Voting and Democracy, where he works on election-reform issues. "In Vermont you can be the classic big fish in a small pond," he says. "It's the scale. Trying to do the progressive politics I've been involved with in a large city or large state would feel overwhelming. Here it's easy to feel that one person can make a significant difference."

Eric Bass '69

PUPPETEER ■ PUTNEY

PUPPETEER ERIC BASS '69 CAME TO MIDDLEBURY from New York City in 1965 and was shocked by how "preppy" the school was. "I'd always thought of myself as an urban person," he says from his home in Putney, where he and his wife now run the Sandglass Theater. "It was a shock coming from a public-school world to Middlebury. I was more comfortable with the rural aspect of it than the prep-school aspect."

After graduation Bass stayed in Vermont for a year, living in a commune in Plainfield and then moving with the commune to Glover, in the Northeast Kingdom. (The back-to-the-land movement was thriving in Vermont at the time.)

Commune members—20 in all—gardened and built houses and tapped maple trees for syrup. Bass found himself increasingly interested in wood carving, and as he perfected his technique, he discovered that carving wooden puppets appealed to him.

After living on the commune for a year, he returned to New York to pursue his interest in puppetry. For nearly a decade, he performed and honed his craft, occasionally returning to Vermont to reconnect with old friends. In 1982, he moved to Germany and met his wife, Ines Zeller Bass, a German who had also been working in puppet theater. They toured and began to make plans for a permanent theater, but when they tried to decide where to base the Sandglass Theater, they were at a loss. "We considered every major city in Europe, but we were already doing German and English, and Ines didn't want to add another language."

Because Vermont was familiar—and seemed like a good place to raise their children—they settled on Putney. In 1996, they opened the their theater, and a year later started the International Puppet Theater Festival. "We're a theater company whose main theatrical tool is the puppet," Bass explains. The company performs circus arts, too, and tours frequently. Describing the company's work as "esoteric, metaphorical," Bass believes Vermont is the perfect home—for his family and his work.

["I had no idea if I was going to get in the car with my folks and head home or stay here."]

Susan White '82

TEACHER ■ RIPTON

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA, NATIVE SUSAN WHITE '82 made a point of getting deeply involved in the life of the town during her four years at Middlebury. Clearly the experience was positive; 21 years have passed, and she hasn't left.

When White arrived in Vermont, she says she "fell in love with the location, with how beautiful it was." She landed a job working at the Alibi, a local bar and dance club, and quickly became friends with people who weren't associated with the College. She started taking pottery classes at the Frog Hollow Craft Center; as her circle of friends grew, her ties to the community strengthened.

As a senior, she began teaching at the Quarry Hill School, a local preschool and kindergarten founded in 1972. She continued teaching there after graduation and, in 1987, she bought the school, restructuring it as a nonprofit institution in 2001. "It's amazing to have the same job for 20 years and still be thrilled by it," White says. "I'm so lucky."

White, her husband, and two kids live in Ripton, in an off-the-grid house powered by solar energy. She spends her free time singing in an a cappella group called Womensing. Performing songs from myriad cultures (China, Italy, South Africa), the group recently released a CD and tours around the world.

"[Living near Middlebury] we've got the cultural stuff that the College and Burlington offer," White says. "We've got natural beauty, we've got Lake Champlain and Lake Dunmore. The community is truly amazing."

Stephen Kiernan '82

REPORTER ■ NORTH FERRISBURGH

STEPHEN KIERNAN '82, AN AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST and *Burlington Free Press* staff writer, can't imagine working anywhere else. "It's such a good place to practice journalism," he says of Vermont. "When you tell a story in print, it is impossible for policy-makers and the public to ignore. Here, I can practice old-style, dig-up-the-dirt, muckraking journalism."

And if he were ever tempted to leave the state, Kiernan would have to look no farther than his North Ferrisburgh home to change his mind. "It's a spectacular, unparalleled place to raise kids. I live in a town that doesn't have a police officer. I feel like I've given my kids a precious, rare gift—a childhood that contains innocence. My kids and I go to the general store on our bikes. We buy 50-cent ice cream sandwiches and enjoy the ice cream while sitting on a bench, and we always see people we know," he says.

In summer months, you can usually find Kiernan with a kayak strapped to the top of his car and fly-fishing equipment on the back seat. In the winter, he takes his snowshoes everywhere, frequently fleeing the office at noontime for jaunts in the snow.

Living in Vermont has allowed him to segue easily between work and other interests (music, theater, exercise). Kiernan explains, "I think the practical demands of life are simpler here."

Still, he says he has to convince friends from out of state that he's not living in a rural backwater; Vermont does have a working economy and a cultural life. "For most people, Vermont represents some kind of idealized bed-and-breakfast life. When I first came to Middlebury, you only had to dial five digits when you were calling someone in town. It's a different state now."

Paula Routly '82

EDITOR ■ BURLINGTON

TAKE A STROLL AROUND BURLINGTON or Montpelier on a Thursday morning, and the stacks of *Seven Days,* Vermont's alternative newsweekly, are as ubiquitous as piles of the *Village Voice* in New York. The paper is an irreverent weekly, enjoyed by everyone from college kids looking for club listings to politicians desperate for their fix of local political scoop.

Seven Days copublisher and editor Paula Routly '82 says there are times she can't believe how successful the paper has become. "In the early days, we wondered every week whether there would *be* a next week," she says now.

Routly grew up in the Washington, D.C., area but attended summer camp in the Adirondacks. When she was looking at schools, Middlebury's locale resonated with her, though she says she stayed after graduation for more practical reasons. She was a newlywed and jokes that she and her husband decided to stay because "we were broke, and the Pinto wouldn't go any farther."

Routly and her husband moved to Plainfield, and she landed an internship at the Flynn Theatre in Burlington, where she handled public relations duties and helped run the Flynn's education program. She also started writing about the arts for both the *Burlington Free Press* and the weekly arts paper, the *Vanguard.*

She remarried and spent time in Uganda (where her husband was a Peace Corps volunteer) before returning to Burlington in 1991. The *Vanguard* had closed, but Routly was hired as an arts reporter at the new weekly, the *Vermont Times.* She eventually became the arts editor, and together with Pamela Polston started a new arts spinoff called *Vox.*

Vox, however, was on unsteady business legs, and when the paper was put up for sale, Routly and Polston walked, opting instead to start their own weekly paper: *Seven Days.*

"In six weeks, we designed the whole thing, put together an office, called everybody in the calendar to get their information," Routly remembers. Launched in September 1995, Routly's venture was a smashing success. With its edgy tone and irreverent voice, *Seven Days* was perfect for Burlington. And, as she enters her third decade in the state, Vermont remains perfect for Routly. "I had never really lived in a town before I came to Middlebury," she says. "Once I had experienced that, there was no going back."

Matt Bucy '86

ARTIST ■ WHITE RIVER JUNCTION

A PAINTER AND ELECTRONIC MUSIC ENTHUSIAST, Matt Bucy '86 always assumed he would move to an urban center after graduation. But during his senior year, the Denver native was hired by the White River Junction-based digital synthesizer company New England Digital. After graduation, he went to work for the company full time and stayed for five years (taking a sabbatical to study architecture in graduate school). However, when the company folded in 1992, Bucy realized he had reached a crossroad.

"I knew I had to make a decision. I was either going to get out of here, or I was going to make my own scene," he says. Although dissatisfied with the social scene, he had been toying with the idea of purchasing an old woolen mill, hard by the Connecticut River in Hartford village (not far from White River Junction). "I kind of thought that if I renovated the building, interesting people might show up."

It turns out he was right. Once he had renovated the old Hartford Woolen Company building, artists started arriving to lease studio space. The Upper Valley was in the midst of a growth spurt, and before long Bucy had attracted a contingent of like-minded artists.

By 1999, the building was full, so Bucy approached the Tip Top Bakery in White River Junction to ask about renting studio space for himself. The owners weren't interested in leasing space to Bucy—instead, they were willing to sell him the whole building.

"Everyone told me I was insane," he remembers. But he had acquired valuable experience on the Hartford Woolen Company building project and was able to put together the combination of community support and funding that he needed to make the Tip Top project happen. Today, Bucy's building houses 34 artists and businesses, a used-book store and a cafe.

While Bucy says he sometimes feels frustrated by Vermont's "cultural sterility," he says there are a lot of other things he likes about the state, especially his new hometown. "What's not to like about White River Junction?" he asks. "It's a weird little town. And just about all you would want is here."

And if it's not, he quickly adds, Montreal and Boston are a short car ride away.

"I didn't realize that when I married someone from Vermont, I married Vermont."

John Baker '71

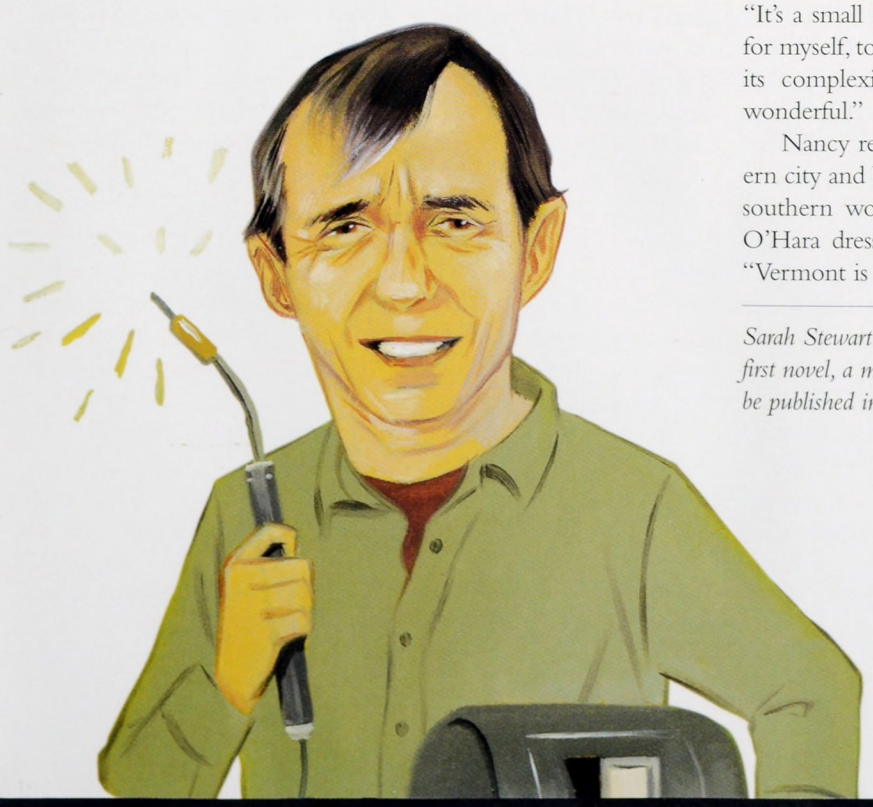
BLACKSMITH/WELDER ■ ADDISON

LIKE TERRY BOURICIUS '76, NEW JERSEY native John Baker '71 wasn't sure what to do with his geography major when he graduated from Middlebury, so he decided to stay put, landing a construction job and moving in with a group of Midd students and alums who had purchased a farmhouse in Addison. In his spare time, he took blacksmithing and welding classes at the Frog Hollow Craft Center and soon was hooked.

"I thought, this is cool," Baker says, recalling his first blacksmithing class. He started working as an apprentice to a local blacksmith, then got a job as a welder. He traveled around the country for a few years, working in different places and learning the trade before eventually returning to Vermont to set up his own shop.

Today, he lives on the same Addison farm where he moved after graduation—having bought out the other owners—and does ironwork and custom architecture. He also repairs specialty farm machinery, work that he loves because it gets him into the daily work of farm life.

"I never planned on doing this," he chuckles. But when he sits behind his house and watches an Adirondack sunset, he feels at peace with his decisions. "It's easy to forget a lot of times that I live in such a special place."



Chris Graff '75 & Nancy Price Graff '75

JOURNALIST, HISTORIAN ■ MIDDLEBURY

CHRIS GRAFF '75 POPS UP ON TELEVISIONS across the state every Friday and Sunday as host of Vermont Public Television's *Vermont This Week,* and his byline as an award-winning Associated Press reporter can be found in newspapers throughout the country. But more often than not, he says, when people recognize him on the ski slopes or in the supermarket it's because they remember him from Middlebury. Which means that he was as omnipresent then as he is now.

Graff and his wife Nancy Price Graff '75 were married one month after graduation and have not left the state. Chris has spent his entire career as a reporter, while Nancy has written a number of books (including a history of the town of Middlebury), served as editor of *Vermont Life,* and recently curated a College exhibit of Farm Security Administration photos from the 1930s, titled *Looking Back at Vermont.*

While Vermont was a natural for Chris, who had spent his adolescence in North Pomfret, it wasn't quite as easy for Nancy, who had grown up outside of New York City. "I didn't realize when I married someone from Vermont that I was marrying Vermont," Nancy Graff says now. "My whole plan for myself changed."

She had assumed that after graduation she would move to a metropolitan area and study museum curation at a large university. But she found that she loved the state—especially its history. "It's a small enough subject that I've been able to make a name for myself, to reach a point where I feel like I know it in some of its complexities. And I love the hills, the people. It's been wonderful."

Nancy remembers when Chris was offered a job in a southern city and brought home promotional material with pictures of southern women in formal dresses. "I looked at these Scarlett O'Hara dresses and I thought, That's not me," she remembers. "Vermont is me."

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On Hillary's golden anniversary, a photographer exposes his mountainous virtues.

The View from Everest

Text and Photographs by Anne Keiser '70

Fifty years have passed since Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa became the first men to ascend Mount Everest. While Hillary's name is inexorably linked with Everest, many people assume that the climb marked the apex of his career and his experiences in the Himalayas. Nothing could be further from the truth.

After reaching the summit of Everest on May 29, 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary quietly embarked on a life of extraordinary humanitarian service to the Sherpa people, who came to Nepal from eastern Tibet in the sixteenth century and settled in the high Solu Khumbu region below Everest. It is this aspect of his life that Hillary considers the most meaningful; yet, this story remains virtually unknown.

I first met Hillary in May 1983 when I was a photographer for National Geographic's television division. I had traveled to Nepal to join a film crew that was filming *Return to Everest,* a National Geographic documentary celebrating the 30th anniversary of Hillary's ascent. In my few weeks in the Solu Khumbu, I became inspired by Hillary's work and the remarkable admiration and respect that he and the Sherpas showed for each other.

I discovered that on a trip to the Himalayas, following his Everest success, Hillary gathered together a group of close Sherpa friends. He expressed his gratitude for their service and asked if there was one thing they could wish for, what would it be? Without hesitation, they responded: "Our children have eyes, but cannot see. We need a school in Khumjung village." Hillary responded: "Together we shall build a school." This collaborative style would serve as the hallmark of all future Hillary projects.

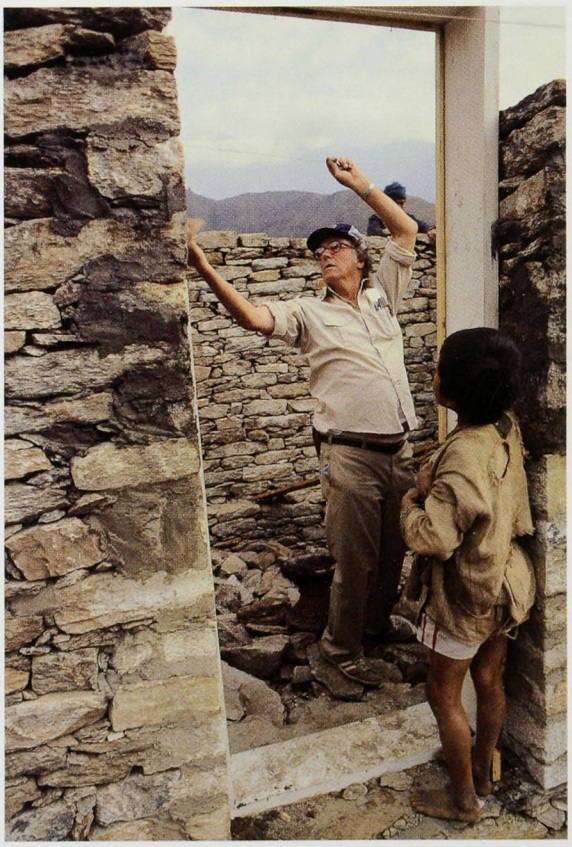
Hillary established the Himalayan Trust and began to devote much of his life in service to his Sherpa friends. The mission of the trust was to empower the Sherpas to identify their own needs and to address these needs through cooperative projects. Each year, Hillary traveled to the Solu Khumbu region to monitor the progress of current projects and to initiate new programs. He received numerous petitions and gave every request careful consideration. He felt it was critical, however, that the Sherpa community take ownership over every project supported by the Himalayan Trust. Once a project was approved, Hillary was always an on-site participant, involved in each step of every undertaking, including paying and thanking each worker once the job was completed.

Hillary helped build 27 schools, two hospitals, and several medical clinics in remote villages. He helped construct village water systems, build bridges over glacial rivers, and improve the condition of foot trails. Later, he helped organize and support many environmental conservation efforts, including reforestation programs, trash clean-up projects, and the establishment of Sagarmatha (Everest) National Park.

Remarking on the significance of his ascent of Everest, Hillary once said, "If that one day on Everest allows me to do what I do, so be it. I was doing what the Sherpas wanted us to do, and that was reason enough for me. We were wielding hammers, not ice axes. Working side by side with my Sherpa friends, we were fashioning the rocks we used to climb into schoolhouse walls. I came here for the mountains and stayed for the people."

The Big Sir

(*Previous page*) Hillary returns yearly to the Solu Khumbu region to monitor education and health projects. Wherever he visits, students, teachers, and health workers greet him with the customary hands-together gesture and the welcome, *Namaste*. I was always moved by Hillary's personal greeting of every student. The look of awe in these children's faces reinforced the degree to which the great *Burrah Sahib* (The Big Sir), as Hillary is known, is revered and admired.



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(*Above*) Hillary helped build two hospitals in the Solu Khumbu. Above is the Khunde Hospital, where local villagers and hikers go for treatment. This spring, Kami Temba Sherpa, from Khumjung, took over as director of medicine, having completed medical school training on the island of Fiji, funded by a scholarship from Hillary's Himalayan Trust. The sacred mountain of Mount Khumbila looms in the background.

Edmund Hillary, Carpenter

(*Left*) In 1985, Hillary's team trekked to the remote village of Bung to build a small medical clinic. In this photograph, I wanted to capture Hillary assuming the role of carpenter (while a local child offers assistance). Using stones gathered during the previous year from local fields, the construction crew completed the clinic—foundation to roof—in just four days.

Pay Day

(*Above*) A trademark of Hillary's humanitarian success has been his deeply personal relationship with the people of Everest. I wanted to document this aspect of life and found the perfect opportunity after the completion of a small construction project.

In this photograph, Hillary hands out payments to each worker, while personally thanking them for their service to the community.

Timing Is Everything

(*Left*) While Hillary's efforts have brought significant improvement to the Solu Khumbu, many aspects of life remain unchanged. Several years ago I was staying in the village of Khunde with Sherpa friends, and each morning I would awaken to the same view. This Sherpani (female Sherpa) was out every morning, tending her animals. It was a scene that I photographed discreetly at a distance. One morning she looked up, smiled and waved. I felt comfort in knowing it was all right that I photographed her.

Greenhouse Effect

(*Above*) A Sherpani tends to vegetables in a greenhouse in the Solu area of the Solu Khumbu. Thanks to a World Wildlife Fund project begun by local Sherpa Mingma Norbu, greenhouse production has greatly improved the diet of local people by vastly increasing vegetable-growing capabilities. Mingma was in the inaugural class of the first school Hillary built and now serves as director of conservation for the Asia and Pacific regions for World Wildlife Fund, in Washington, D.C.

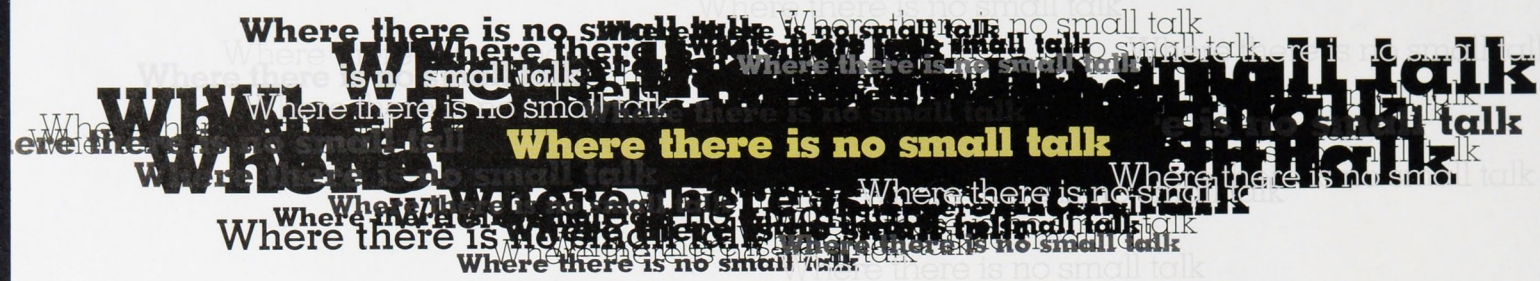
Signs of the Time

(*Left*) Numerous road signs pointing to various services are posted in the Solu Khumbu capital village of Namche Bazar. When I first visited Namche in 1983, there were no signs and very few information facilities such as the one in this photograph. You had to depend on your guide to know which trail to take out of Namche to various destinations. Today there are many more independent trekkers who merely follow the signs.

The End of the Day

At this moment, we see a very satisfied Hillary in a moment of repose. Hillary's team had just completed the construction of a medical clinic in the remote village of Bung. Prior to Hillary's arrival, villagers—such as the children playing on the terrace—had to hike three days to reach the closest medical facility.

Anne Keiser's photographs have appeared in three books on Sir Edmund Hillary, including Sir Edmund Hillary and the People of Everest (2002).

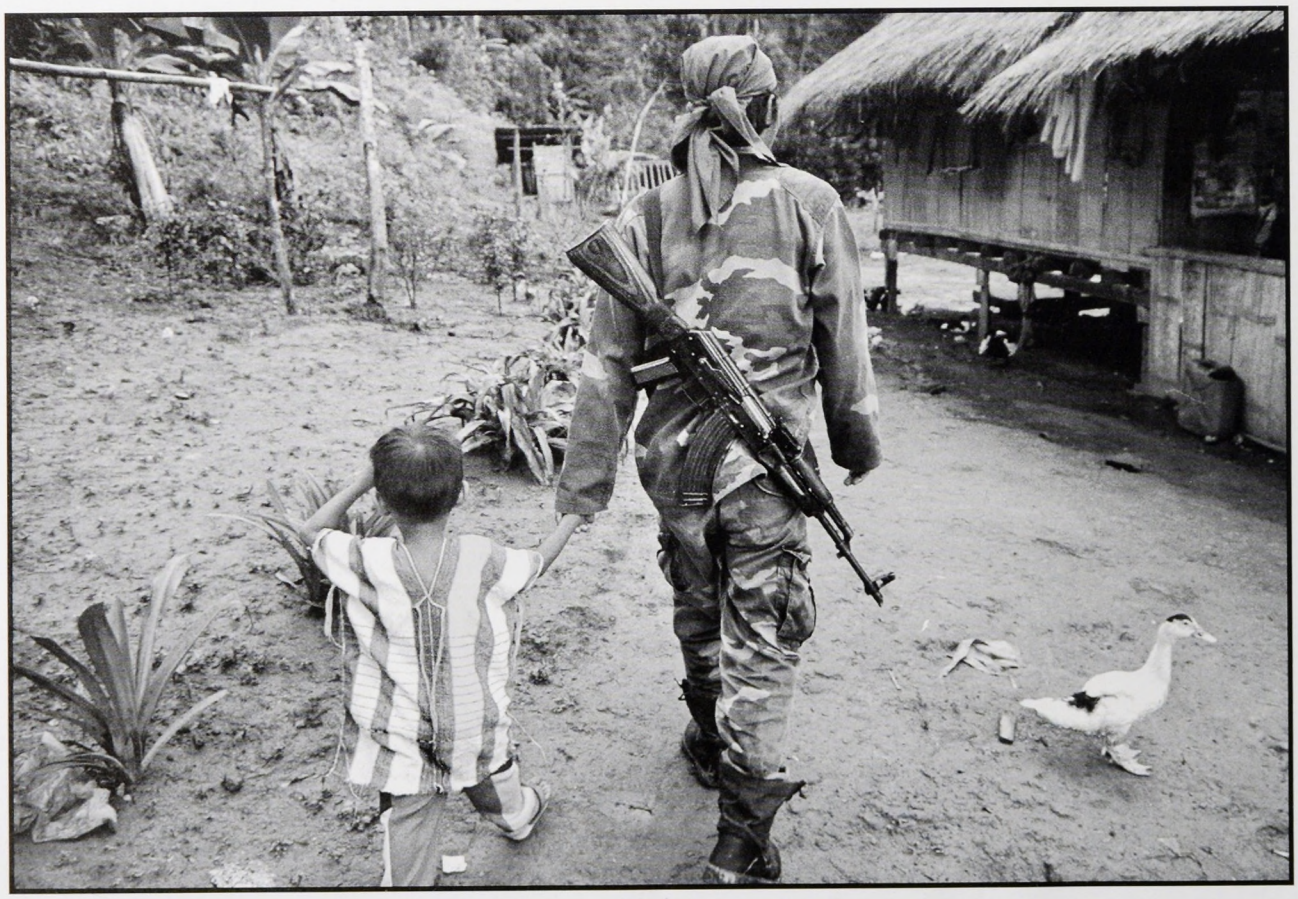


As civil war raged in Burma, a writer gained entrance to a refugee camp on the Thai-Burmese border. **She was surprised by what she found.**

By Meghan Laslocky '89

Snake drove the motorbike like an old man, I thought as I perched behind him. He accelerated gently, shifted almost hesitantly, stopped at intersections, and looked both ways. This struck me as odd, not just because this was Thailand, where most young men drive motorbikes like Evel Knievel on speed, but more because Snake is a guerrilla commando. He is an officer in the All Burma Students Democratic Front (ABSDF), an armed student group that has been fighting the Burmese military dictatorship since 1988.

Two years ago, I was new to the Burmese civil war. I spent my first hours with Snake and five other officers familiarizing myself with the acronyms that hang on the Burmese situation like too many ornaments on a perverse Christmas tree—not just ABSDF, but also SPDC (State Peace and Development Council); NLD (National League for Democracy), led by Nobel Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; KNU (Karen National Union); NMSP (New Mon State Party); SSA (Shan State Army); and the DKBA (Democratic Karen Buddhist Army). We lay around on a tiled floor in the regional headquarters while I recorded a phonetic vocabulary list so that I would have a few words of Burmese under my



Photographs by Timothy Allen

belt: *sakola* = good food, *na may be loo ko te le* = what is your name, *gee zoo te ba de* = thank you, *yee* = water. The men were physically demonstrative and affectionate with each other—Snake lay on his side, and his friend Wanghka stretched behind him with his head on Snake's hip. Ko Maung Oo, a 40-year-old farmer who was now Snake's commander, sent someone out to buy beer, as a celebration to welcome me, although he himself was a nondrinker and a vegan.

The conversation switched to politics quickly. "What do you really want?" I asked. In addition to wanting democracy, of course, they said they wanted and needed real support from the U.S., not just abstract statements affirming that the relocation tactics conducted by the Burmese military are brutal. I asked them what they thought of war tourism, of Cambodia, for example, where the Killing Fields and S-21, a high school that was converted into a torture center where 17,000 people died, are top destinations for foreign tourists. Do you think that that kind of commemoration, I asked, is an effective deterrent, monument, and form of education? "Yes," Snake nodded. "When Burma is free, we want *that*."

THE NEXT DAY, THE MEN ESCORTED ME into the Sala camp—it took a few hours to drive through the jungle to get there, but driving sure beat trekking on foot. Once we passed the security checkpoint, the truck made its way down a streambed that doubled as a road. The camp was large (well over 10,000 people) and was divided into sections, each with several hundred people. Hundreds and hundreds of bamboo shacks were stacked one on top of the other up the steep edges of the ravine. We passed a church (many of Karen ethnicity are Christian), a makeshift hospital, sheds that housed schools, and an improbable game of volleyball on the banks of the stream. Ducks and chickens hurried out of our way; piglets were tethered and frantic. Everyone stopped what they were doing to look at me: men, women, and children in sarongs and western-style T-shirts stained the color of the red earth. They wore headdresses and had painted swirls of sulfur *thanaka* in different patterns on their faces.

The truck stopped in a slightly broader area of the ravine, Section 13, home of ABSDF members and their families. A movie blasted from a shed, a massive generator groaned loudly, and "I've Never Been to Me," that classic Charlene schlock from the seventies, screamed from a radio across the stream. Children clattered and played, and roosters crowed.

The house where I was to stay was bamboo, a multitiered construction, and quite a mansion compared to the other homes. A long, steep ladder led from the dirt up to the main room of the house. It was a large, airy, pleasant space, with a bamboo floor and hammocks, blankets, a calculator, and books strewn about. Two large blackboards leaned against the wall; diagrams were scratched on one. A small Buddhist altar, edged with lace, was in the corner. A flaccid inflatable globe hung from a beam in the center of the room. There were world maps, maps of Southeast Asia, and topographical area maps on every wall. In my

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE Burmese refugee camps are carved out of the jungle and packed end-to-end with bamboo shacks. Communal living is the norm, and privacy is nonexistent.

THROUGH A CHILD'S EYES
Many families have been refugees for more than 10 years. For children, the camps are all they know.

room, which was just off this central room, there was a rolled-up sleeping bag, a mosquito net, and a shelf filled with books on revolution, anarchy, and feminism. No one had been to the house in awhile, and everything was covered with a faintly sticky layer of jungle debris—dust, insects, and things that just naturally fall from the ceiling and the walls when your house is made of bamboo and leaves. The whole house shook when I walked.

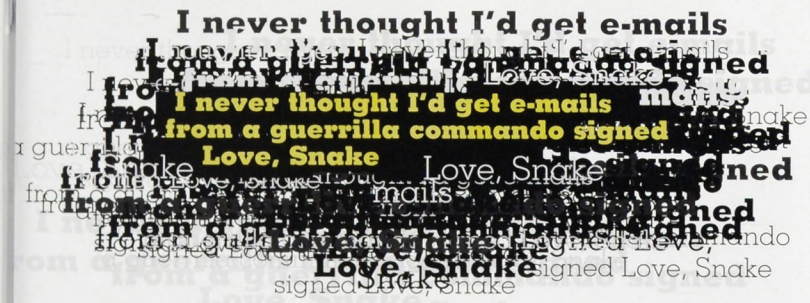
From the balcony, Snake pointed out his garden which bore papaya, gourds, and aubergine. A few men had already gathered in the main room to play chess and chew betel nut. They spat wads of juice through a wide crack in the bamboo floor, where it settled into a reddish brown streak in the dirt floor below. A toddler trundled through and peed through the crack as well. The house had a clubby, bohemian feel.

Snake warned me not to leave Section 13, not even to cross the stream to the next section. Wanghka gave me a tour of the section and led me past 20 or 30 bamboo homes, laundry hanging to dry and fires being stoked, women nursing, huge vats of rice boiling. It all smelled of the simple, unmistakable scent of Asian poverty. We continued up the uneven path to the home of Julie, the only other foreigner in the camp. I'd met Julie before, in Chiang Mai. She'd recently married a leader in the ABSDF.

Over a cup of tea, Julie filled me in on a few things. Women and children primarily occupied Section 13, as the men were off fighting at the front. Most families in this section had been refugees for more than 10 years and had been moved to different camps at least three times, either by the Thai authorities or because their camps had been burned down by the Burmese military. This camp, she told me, was comparatively nice, clean, and orderly, but alcoholism, suicide, and domestic violence were all on the rise. Privacy and discretion here were simply not an option, and there was nowhere else to go. Communal living was a necessity—everyone's house was open to everyone else. Men came and went on their way to and from the front. Julie told me that on her wedding night, five soldiers slept in her house with her and her husband.

CAMP ROUTINE WAS MIND-NUMBINGLY MONOTONOUS, and it seemed that everyone's life diet was a salad of boredom and terror. Even food was no comfort. We'd huddle around a candle and suck dinner off our fingers—typically weeds in broth, rank broken rice, and pork fat in a reddish brown puddle of oil. The bag of Oreos I had brought and left in the kitchen had disappeared within minutes of my arrival, and I wished I'd thought to bring more luxury food to share. One night Wanghka wound what I thought were noodles around his spoon. "Duck?" he asked, offering me some entrails.

Every day I bought potatoes, cabbage, and tomatoes, and Mya, a young girl who cooked for the household, would make me a



LIFE, OR SOMETHING LIKE IT
Camp routine was mind-numbingly monotonous, and it seemed that everyone's life diet was a salad of boredom and terror, Laslocky says.

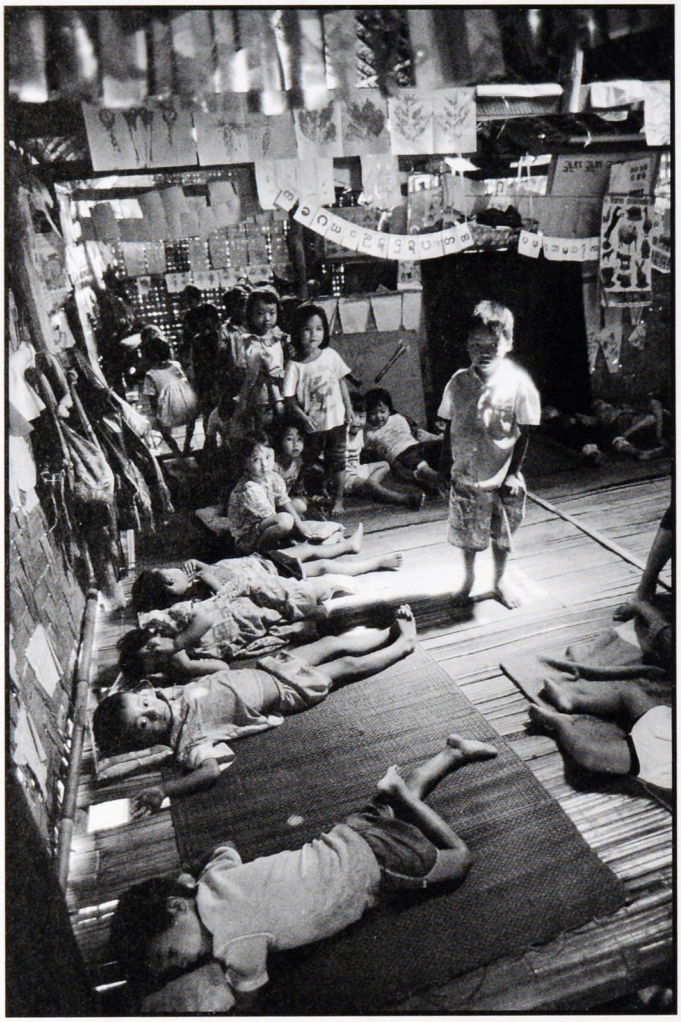
salad the way other foreigners who had passed through the camp had taught her. Another night, Saw Chit Win, a handsome medic, and I shared dinner by candlelight, in what would have been romantic in any Western situation. His T-shirt was stained with blood, long since scrubbed and faded. Several homes I'd visited had pictures of soldier fathers—recently or long since killed—hanging on the thatchy walls.

At night people gathered in a common shed to watch movies, play a stereo or an electric organ for the few hours that electricity was available. Once the electricity went out, they would play chess. Candles flanked the glass chessboard, which was cradled in a Styrofoam frame. The chessboard wandered from house to house in Section 13: it was everyone's most precious communal item.

Some nights I spent hanging out at a house way up on the hill, at Po-Sin's. Po-Sin was a kind, grandfatherly monk who had taken up arms with the ABSDF. Usually at least one person would be in the corner at Po-Sin's, unconscious with malaria. We'd eat the tealeaf salad, drink jungle whiskey, and talk about politics, history, and America. The rebels were curious about the 2000 election, and one man asked me what I thought of the role of the U.S. Constitution. I was embarrassed by my inability to answer that question satisfactorily, and more embarrassed to live in a 200-year-old democracy that couldn't even count votes right. Po-Sin reminded me that at least the problem was "solved" by the courts. I made a note of how lucky I was to live in a country where miscounts in votes don't result in civil war, and where election results matter.

We talked about the American civil rights movement, violence in America, the origin of gun laws in the U.S., and Columbine. They shook their heads over the ludicrousness of teenagers, or anyone for that matter, carrying a handgun. The superficial irony of the conversation—men who fire machine guns in guerrilla warfare tut-tutting over American boys carrying handguns—was easily superseded by the difference in context: Carrying a machine gun to fight for freedom and basic human rights is a bit different than blowing someone away with a handgun because you don't like the way he looks.

Salai asked me, with a pointed look, if I understood that the



THE REAL WORLD
Women and children predominate in the refugee camps. Most of the men are off fighting at the front.

men I was spending so much time with were soldiers. The not-so-subtle subtext was that he wanted to know if I thought it was okay that they carried guns and killed people. I said, "Yes, I think it's okay."

Although I was in the jungle, in a malaria zone, not too far from a war zone, in many ways I felt safer than I ever had in my life. The sense of community, of looking out for one's neighbors, was that profound. Once, I fell down a ladder, and out of nowhere, people emerged from the darkness to pick me up, make sure I was okay, and assure me that they did it all the time. There was a purity to interactions. This was not a place for small talk. People seemed to talk about meaningful things or else just leave well enough alone.

ONE AFTERNOON MY FRIEND AYE LED ME way up the side of the ravine to a hut at the very edge of the encampment, to the home of a woman who was making thin rice pancakes. Aye explained that this woman had seven children, and when she nursed the youngest one, blood came from her breasts, mixed in with the milk, and it wasn't mastitis. She lactated blood because she was beaten so badly by an SPDC soldier that her body has never recovered. The beating also left her deaf. Now, she goes crazy whenever she sees a uniform.

Aye also showed me the hospital, which was quiet at that time of year, the dry season. During the rainy season, the hospital would be packed with injured people—broken legs and ankles, back injuries, dislocated joints—all the result of regular daily routines like going to school, buying vegetables, or hauling bags of rice back up the sides of the ravine. With the exception of the maternity ward, from which dozens of women and babies streamed, the hospital was mostly empty. There were a few malaria cases, and one 12-year-old boy whose legs had been blown off by a landmine. His wounds were not healing—the jungle was so damp that his stumps still festered a year after the accident.

I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT I'd get e-mails from a guerrilla commando signed Love, Snake, but I do, quite regularly. Last September, he told me that his house had been washed away in a flash flood. I thought of the maps, the books, and the chessboard being carried off in the torrent. The flood left over 30 Karen refugees dead and destroyed more than 300 houses, five primary schools, and two hospitals. In December, Snake e-mailed to see if I'd heard the news of Ne Win's death. When I write back, I always want to write, "take care," or "be safe," but somehow that seems inappropriate. So I just write, "Hope to see you soon." And I hope.

Meghan Laslocky '89 spent several weeks in the Sala camp, training refugees to write grant proposals.

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HONEY BUSINESS
A 30-year hobby has given Louise Mayr five humming bee hives—and shelves of tasty honey. Page 44. Photograph by Sam Kittner.

Queen Bee

For nearly 30 years, Louise Mayr's bees have provided a unique—and sticky—hobby.

By William Cocke

It's a raw February morning at Snake Hill, and Louise Erb Mayr's ('52) bees are feeling sluggish. A fair amount of snow still clings to this ridge of the Catoctin Mountains, where Mayr's nineteenth-century oak-beamed log home is situated, in a northerly nub of Virginia's Loudoun County, one mile from the blink-and-you'll-miss-it hamlet of Lucketts, and a stone's throw from the Potomac River and the intersection of the Old Dominion, Maryland, and West Virginia.

"Let's go see what the bees are doing," she suggests. "We don't want to stress them out too much this time of year." After suiting up in protective meshed helmets attached to light cotton smocks, we tramp out to the five hives located about 50 feet behind the house, just for a quick peek. Mayr carefully lifts the outer cover of one of the hives and removes the top box. Nestled deep inside is a drowsily thrumming mass of honeybees or *Apis mellifera*. A few manage brief flights in awkward, loopy arcs, but most remain hunkered down in the pulsating cluster. In summer, to cool and humidify the hive, these cold-blooded insects fan droplets of water to keep the ambient temperature just right. When it's cold, they cluster, contracting their wing muscles rapidly to produce heat. We replace the hive cover and leave them to their flexing.

Inside the cabin's cozy kitchen, over a glass of home-brewed mead, fermented from her bees' honey, we discuss how Mayr came to the necessarily gentle art of beekeeping. The Buffalo, New York, native admits to not being particularly inclined toward the sciences while a student at Middlebury—as a history major she took only one biology course. Instead, it began in 1975 when she and her husband, Otto, purchased 20 acres and a moldering wreck of a cabin in then largely rural Loudoun County. "It started because we bought this piece of land, and we didn't live here," she recalls. "We felt responsible to do something with the place, and we came upon the idea of bees. My husband said 'Well if we get bees, you do it because I've got a job.'"

Raising honeybees was ideal for the Mayrs because they didn't need fences, outbuildings, or expensive calls from the vet. The bees became Louise's weekend project as she and Otto, a curator with the Smithsonian, slowly restored the cabin. She began with two four-pound packages of mail-order Italian bees, the standard unit of the most readily available type of bee. "You start with two hives; a package goes into one hive,

Sweet Things
Mayr fell into the art of beekeeping but has since made it her life's passion.

Photograph by Sam Kittner

then you let them build out wax, bring in nectar, turn it into honey, and after a while they run the place," she casually says.

The bees' unceasing industry and brief, rhythmic lives, ordered by hierarchy, pheromones, and instinct, fascinate Mayr. "The queen is the center of the hive—because if she dies, they lose their purpose in life," she says. "It's the

pheromone she gives off that keeps them working. They can make a queen out of any female cell, and they feed her bee bread [a mixture of pollen and honey] when they want to make queens. Of course, bees can't count, so they make lots of them, and when they all hatch, the queens run around in the hive, and they squeak, looking for the others, and they kill each other off until only one is left, and she's the new leader."

Part of the beekeeper's art is to sense when the bees are ready to swarm, an instinctive exodus to find roomier accommodations or to replace a worn-out queen. "Like lemmings to the sea," says Mayr, whose own bees generally swarm just a few dozen feet to a nearby orchard.

When Otto's work took them to Germany for a decade beginning in 1983, Louise even managed to beeline it back and forth across the Atlantic a couple of times a year to check on her stateside hives, while maintaining two in Munich. Then, with their three children grown, and Otto's retirement in 1991, they moved out to the cabin full time. Now, as a beekeeper with nearly 30 years' experience, Mayr is naturally attuned to the needs of her honeybees. And they require a lot more attention these days.

Remember how, as a kid, you couldn't walk barefoot across a lawn full of clover because it was abuzz with bees? Our lawns are now increasingly bee-free because of a couple of parasites that are devastating wild and domesticated honeybees across the United States. Over the last decade, two tiny mites have swept through the U.S., all but wiping out wild bees and making the jobs of all beekeepers much more difficult. A third pest, the small hive beetle, has recently appeared as another threat. In some parts of the country, 90 percent of wild bees have disappeared—an agricultural disaster gone largely unnoticed by the public. But not by the beekeepers.

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"It certainly was a lot easier when I started," says Mayr. "But now that we've got these mites, it's not really running itself the way it did. They [the bees] don't last now." What used to be fun now comes with a raft of problems, and it's driving many people away from beekeeping.

Still, about 150,000 beekeepers manage some 3 million colonies in the U.S. today. According to Ann Harman, vice chair of the board of the Eastern Apiculture Society, they fall into three categories— hobbyist, sideliner, and commercial beekeepers. Sideliners typically have a few hundred hives, while commercial beekeepers run full-time businesses with upwards of 50,000 hives. Mayr falls squarely into the hobbyist category with her five hives. In the communal world of beekeeping, Harmon has met Mayr, a member of the society, at annual meetings. "She's quite a good beekeeper, with definite opinions on things," Harman states. "She attends lots of meetings, and you can always count on her to make very positive statements."

In the future, we may need active, inquisitive hobbyists such as Mayr to keep abreast of the latest developments and to defend the bulwarks against the honeybee's increasing enemies—pests, loss of habitat to development, and pesticide use by huge monoculture farms. Hers is a modest, but increasingly important, operation. From her tidy whitewashed basement workroom stacked high with spare frames and supers, to her extra kitchen full of gleaming German-made honey extraction equipment, Mayr produces just enough honey—285 pounds last year according to her meticulous records—to sell at local fairs and businesses. "You build up a reputation over the years, and people believe that local honey is what they need for their allergies, and they always come back for more," she says, adding that she sells her beeswax candles in nearby Lucketts.

Mayr also knows the value of good public relations—no visitor to her home leaves without the sweet suasion of a pair of beeswax candles and a quart of Snake Hill honey.

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Generation Next

Critics are raving about the debut of two new authors.

By Regan Eberhart

One book that should not be judged by its cover is *On This Day* (HarperCollins Publishers, 2003), a debut novel by **Nathaniel Bellows '95**. At first glance, it appears to be a sad, angst-filled story; the book's theme is dismal enough—two young people lose both parents, one to cancer and one to suicide, and must make a place for themselves in their changed world. Yet, in the hands of Bellows, this tale is wonderfully engaging.

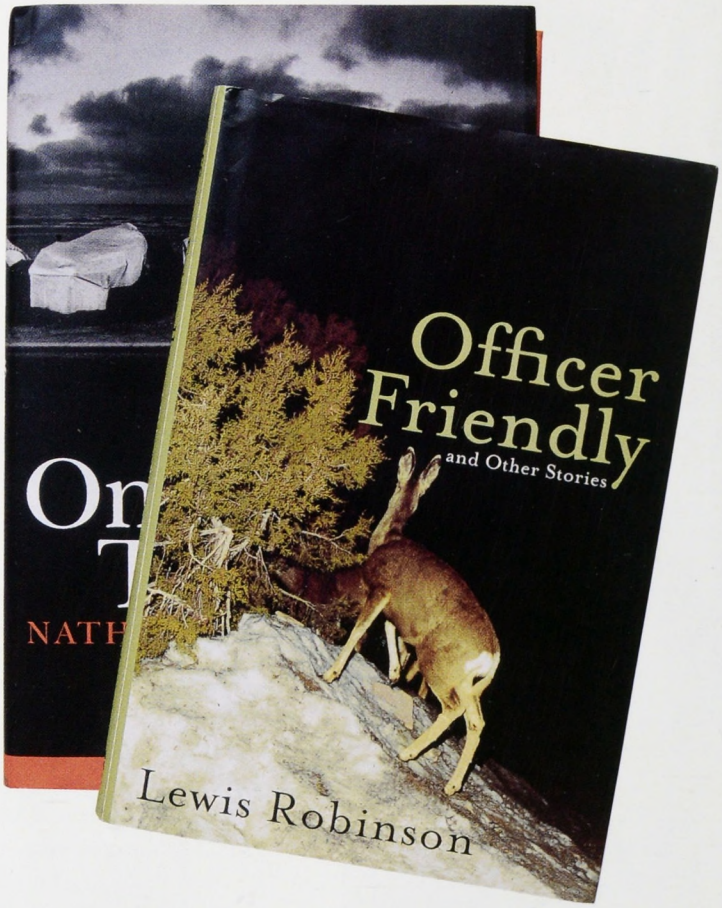
Eighteen-year-old Warren tells the story as he reviews past and present events, almost randomly. Through this process he figures out what happened in his family and comes to understand himself. Part of the fun for the reader is watching his personal mystery unfold. Warren and his older sister are confronted with many challenges, including distasteful relatives and the theft of their inheritance. Eventually Warren realizes that he needs help, "every sort of help there might be," even as his sister reaches different conclusions.

Bellows's ability to create visual detail is at the heart of the book's power. Warren's frequent observations make penetrating prose. His elderly aunt's tan has "an eerie shellacked glow," and her hair "is the color of a peach—all the colors of a peach; it has the look and texture of cotton candy, a series of intricate wisps combed into place." When he encounters the body of his dead father, he calmly notes, "His skin had changed, was changing before me, pale white into gray into beige into yellow, the way a teabag changes color when it dries on the edge of a saucer."

This is a story one *sees*. In fact, before Bellows wrote the book, he drew it—24 drawings in all. "The drawings became like a set of training wheels," he explains, "steadying the story as it took shape. [They] helped me arrange the sometimes complicated recollections and associated images."

Bellows's ability to pull off such a complex rendering so effortlessly in a first novel portends even more compelling fiction to come.

Officer Friendly and Other Stories (HarperCollins Publishers, 2003) by **Lewis Robinson '93** is a debut collection of short stories linked by their location, Point Allison, Maine, and environs, and an offbeat tone that often turns menacing. Robinson mixes the unexpected with the usual, the twisted character with just average folks, often with surprises.



The book begins with a story in which a local man agrees to fix the boat of a married couple visiting the area. The friendly rescuer seems to transmogrify into a threat as he makes intimidating innuendoes veiled in humor, and the young husband must decide what to do. In "Eiders" a father and son are duck hunting for Thanksgiving lunch. Their tentative camaraderie turns ugly when the father takes his son's poor aim as a personal affront.

Robinson presents his characters with situations

Photographs by Tad Merrick

completely at odds with their experience and expectations. The title story, for example, pits a couple of teenage kids against a cop they've known since grade school. As they try to elude him, they realize he is hurt. Instead of using the opportunity to escape, they find themselves helping him, befuddled and impressed by their own actions. One of the collection's oddest tales is "The Toast." A young stranger is invited to the birthday party of the aging former governor of Maine. After being plied with drinks and seduced by the sensual bartender, the stranger is asked to execute the birthday boy, who is terminally ill and requests "that at midnight we shoot him dead."

Readers beware: Robinson's fast-moving, spare style and his quirky characters caught in unusual dilemmas will pull you in and tangle your mind.

Also Noteworthy

Bruce Genereaux '86 skied Tuckerman's Ravine in New Hampshire when he was 11. The slope was 45- to 55-degrees, and the snow was 50-feet deep in places. Since then, his appetite for adventure in myriad ways—roiling rapids, mountain outcroppings, and extreme ski slopes—has rushed onward.

In his book *Beyond the Comfort Zone: Confessions of an Extreme Sports Junkie* (Class Five Press, 2002), Genereaux discloses lessons he learned as he sought adventure, how his ignorance or his attitude clouded his judgment in situations that could have cost him his life. The extent of his addiction becomes clear with his recount of a trip down Arizona's Salt River, with class III and IV rapids. Genereaux bought a kayak just before the trip and, "using a book for guidance," tried to teach himself the Eskimo roll (essential for such river excursions). Before heading into the river, he bartered oranges for rolling lessons with some expert kayakers, and then took off, with only a 50-percent successful roll rate. *Beyond the Comfort Zone* provides much insight into the nature of a thrill seeker.

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Nancy Heller '70 has done a huge favor for the artistically unenlightened with her book *Why a Painting Is Like a Pizza* (Princeton University Press, 2002). Using clear language and ample pictures, she explains how to use analytical tools to appreciate and understand modern art. Heller, a professor of art history, has a knack for explaining complex concepts by relating them to ordinary examples. Hence a pizza—with its seemingly random pattern—and a painting by Jackson Pollock have much in common. And the decisions an artist makes about aesthetics don't differ much from those of a customer choosing a shirt from a Lands' End catalog. This book is for those who want to be able to speak about art with conviction or to understand why they like or dislike an object or painting.

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For Teens Only (HarperCollins Publishers, 2003) by **Carol Weston** (M.A. Spanish '79) should not be limited to teens. Weston, advice columnist and author of *Girltalk* and the Melanie Martin books, has put together a marvelous collection of quotes from a broad assortment of people. The quotes each lead into a bit of Weston's big-sisterly advice for a happy, productive life, and she covers most bases, from body image, to family, to work. Her clear-headed approach to life is delivered in such an honest way that the message gets across. In the section about parents, for example, Weston acknowledges that some parents are less than ideal, yet she points out that sometimes the teen can effect change in the home: "If you are less quick to get mad at them or make fun of them or ignore them, they may turn nicer before your very eyes." Throughout the book, Weston offers ways for young people to maintain power over their lives. And these empowering messages are good for everyone, no matter the age.

Night Table

What's on Nathaniel Bellows's night table?

- *Vertigo* by W.G. Sebald
- *All the Days and Nights* by William Maxwell
- *The Golden Child* by Penelope Fitzgerald
- *Hunting Down the Monk: Poems* by Adrie Kusserow

Recently Published

- *Iconoclast: Abraham Flexner and a Life in Learning* (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002) by **Thomas Neville Bonner '45.**
- *The Art of Maine in Winter* (Down East Books, 2002) by **Carl Little** (M.A. French '86); picture editor, Arnold Skolnick.
- *The Architecture of Delano & Aldrich* (W.W. Norton, 2003) by **Anne Walker '95** and Peter Pennoyer.
- *A Birder's Guide to Alaska* (American Birding Association, 2002) by **George C. West '53.**
- *Shacking Up: The Smart Girl's Guide to Living in Sin Without Getting Burned* (Broadway Books, 2003) by **Stacy Whitman '89** and Wynne Whitman.

Pine Time

The Houston Rockets' MVP may be a short guy who wears street clothes during games.

Colin Pine, Chinese '96, was tediously slogging through reams of documents written in Chinese as a State Department translator, when his résumé was plucked from a pile of 350 eager applicants, all vying to serve as a personal translator for Yao Ming, the 7-foot–5-inch hoopster about to make his NBA debut.

Yao has been the NBA's biggest story (in more ways than one) this year, and Pine has been at his side every step of the way. *Middlebury Magazine* asked NBA.com senior editor Randy Kim to catch up with Pine to discover the secret of his success.

So I'm guessing that becoming a translator for a professional Chinese basketball player was the exact reason why you started your language studies at Middlebury College, right?

Yeah, that was exactly what I had in mind. (*Laughter.*) No, absolutely not. I was very interested in Asian culture in college (James Madison University) and knew that I didn't want to take a desk job. So, I decided to move to Taipei, but before going, I told my parents that if I got into the language program at Middlebury, then that was what I wanted for a graduation present. I wanted to get a basic understanding of the language and the culture, which is where Middlebury came in. My time (at Middlebury) really gave me a great foundation.

How did you find out about the job as Yao's translator?

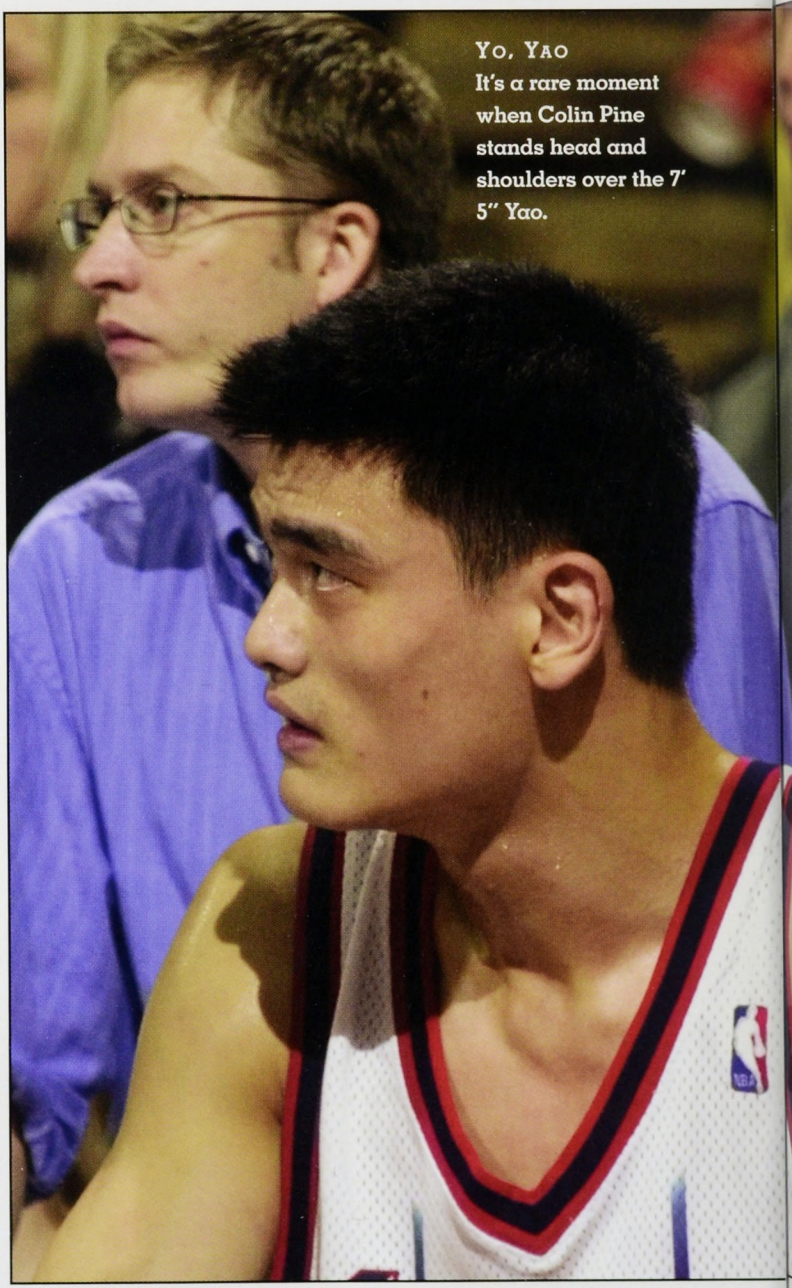
I have a good friend who is an interpreter. She forwarded an e-mail that said they were searching for a translator for an NBA player (in Houston). She didn't say who it was, but I knew it was Yao. I thought, Wow, that's a pretty cool job. So I put a résumé and cover letter together, but thinking I'd never hear back. But I think it was as important for them to find someone who could help him adjust to life in America as it was to find someone who could translate.

So now do you subscribe to the theory that it's just as important to follow your heart as it is your head when pursuing a career?

I think it's more important to follow your heart. Having landed here and to be doing this, I can say that you just have to be patient.

How long do you think you'll stay on as Yao's translator?

There's no time frame. My contract is for a year. I've had an incredible time, but I knew coming in it wouldn't last forever. This is not a career, but it's been a great experience. I don't know if I can find a cooler job. But I have faith that this will lead to something else that I enjoy.



Yo, Yao
It's a rare moment when Colin Pine stands head and shoulders over the 7' 5" Yao.

At what point did you realize that this wasn't exactly your average 9-to-5 job?

I guess the first time it hit me was when we had our first

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preseason game. I got to fly on the charter jet, stayed in a five-star hotel, and sat right behind the bench.

How close are you and Yao?
We're together all the time. We're very close.

What's the dumbest question you've had to translate for Yao?
There's been a lot of dumb stuff about his height. We had one person ask him, Why are you so tall? I think his answer was, Why are you so short?

I'm guessing Yao's never made it up to Vermont. How do you think he'd like visiting the Green Mountain State?
I think he'd really like it. It's such a beautiful area. Plus, I think he might be able to get away from some of the attention for a while.

So how much trouble do you think you'd get in with the Rockets if you took Yao skiing?
Oh, I'd be out of a job. It'd be over. That would definitely be a violation of my contract.

So what do you think the chances are that the Middlebury Language Schools will start selling Colin Pine growth charts?
(*Laughter.*) Well, I kind of doubt it. That would be pretty cool, but it would be a little embarrassing . . . I'm only 5' 10".

Alumna Named to College Post

AFTER AN EXHAUSTIVE NATIONAL SEARCH that attracted more than 125 applicants, Middlebury has turned to a familiar face in naming the College's first director of College communications: **MAGGIE PAINE '79**.

An at-large member of Middlebury's Alumni Association board of directors (from 2000 until her appointment), Paine brings a wealth of experience in journalism and higher education to the newly created College post. Since 1994, she has been a member of the communications team at the University of New Hampshire, serving first as director of development communications for the UNH Foundation, then director of alumni communications for the university. Paine has also worked as a staff writer at the *Rutland Business Journal* and as editor of the *Manchester Journal* in Manchester, Vermont.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to put all that I've learned in the communications field to work for a place that I love," Paine says. "This position at Middlebury College is a dream combination for me."

Since graduating in 1979, Paine has remained closely connected to the College. In addition to her tenure on the MCAA board of directors, Paine served as cochair of her 5th, 10th, and 15th College reunions and as class secretary from 1979–1989 and from 1994 until her appointment this winter.

Publishing Giant Promotes Tegen

IT SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO REMEMBER which new book publishing imprint **KATHERINE TEGEN '83** has been tapped to head. When HarperCollins Children's Books created a new imprint, the publishing giant turned to Tegen—and named the division after her.

Katherine Tegen Books made its debut last fall, prompting HarperCollins Children's Books Editor-in-Chief Kate Morgan Jackson to declare: "The books Katherine edits have always represented the best blend of commercial sensibility and high literary quality. We are very proud to be publishing Katherine Tegen Books as part of the HarperCollins list."

During her career, Tegen has acquired and edited some of the top talent in children's publishing, including Julie Andrews, William Wegman, and Charlotte Zolotow. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and has served on the board of directors of the Children's Book Council.

Dean Taps Ridder

FORMER VERMONT GOVERNOR Howard Dean looked to the state of Colorado when he hired a campaign manager to direct his bid for the White House. Only this Coloradoan—Middlebury alumnus **RICK RIDDER '76**—is no stranger to Dean's own Green Mountain State.

When Ridder arrived at Midd in the fall of 1972, he was already busy working as a field organizer for presidential hopeful George McGovern. Politics would become the political science major's passion, and he would go on to serve as national field director and convention floor manager for Gary Hart in 1984, before forming a political consulting group—Ridder/Braden. He has since worked as a senior consultant on Bill Clinton's 1992 election run and Bill Bradley's 2000 presidential bid.

Born to Run

EIGHTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD **BOB MATTESON '38** is still at it. In January he laced up his track spikes and competed in the 34th Annual Dartmouth Relays, where he ran in the Masters 85 division of the 200- and 400-meter races.

Matteson holds the world indoor and outdoor records in the 400-meter race for his age division (85 and older), as well as the American indoor record in the 400-meter race for those 80 and older.

Since turning 75 in 1991, Matteson has competed in more than 250 races and has finished lower than third only once—in 1995 when he placed fifth in the 800-meter competition at the world championships in Buffalo.

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Amy Hunt Meek will turn 100 years old on May 18, 2003, and **Marion Janes McIntosh** turned 102 on December 23, 2002. Marion writes: "During their four years at Middlebury, they sat in the same pew, side by side, in Chapel, where the College assembled for the daily 10 o'clock religious service. It is a happy memory for us."

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REUNION CLASS

Greetings from the nine members of the Class of 1928, as we observe our 75th Reunion. We cannot be on campus, but we do want you to know who and where we are, so we will use our spring and summer columns to give you that information and add comments about our college days, in the very different years of 1924-28. ✷ Fittingly, we begin with famed writer, historian, and administrator **Storrs Lee**, who makes a startling statement from his home in Pemaquid Point, New harbor, Maine: "To assure the gals unanimity in the conduct of 1928 class affairs on approach of a 97th birthdate (August 3, 2003), I herewith suspend my right of ballot as the sole surviving male member, and agree not to contend any action they may unanimously prescribe." ✷ **Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall** has moved to assisted living in Rydal Park, Penn. "Rydal Park is a very nice place. All of my family lives in the area, so I see my son and daughter and 10 grandchildren very often. I get around mostly in a wheelchair. I enjoy driving back to New England. I am very appreciative of my years spent at Middlebury College. It broadened my horizons to teach other young people in my years as a teacher of Latin. Home economics helped me as I tried to raise my children with good values. I also appreciated the wonderful 50th Reunion given to the Class of 1928 in June 1978. We were surely given the royal treatment and I loved every minute of it." ✷ **Elizabeth Hayes Balch** writes from her home in Rogue River, Ore.: "I was blessed with a huge 95th birthday party (October 15, 2002) at my home. My relatives, neighbors, church friends, and friends from Nevada and Idaho came. I received beautiful flowers and so much candy I had to ration it. One neighbor gave me a beautiful Beta fish which keeps me company. I wish I could attend the class reunion, but my 95 years are slowing me down. There are many wonderful memories, especially of being there when Paul Moody and Eleanor Ross were so helpful. While living at the Weybridge House, I learned to do the Charleston. [She also mentioned ways of creating a romantic atmosphere, to which Eleanor would not have given her approval.] Classes were not frivolous, because when I turned in my credentials to the Univ. of Oregon I was told that, coming from Middlebury College, any credits I might have would be accepted." ✷ **Helen Bailey** sends greetings from Vernon, Vt., busy at the time I wrote, writing holiday cards and writing later about our college years: "On looking back on our college days, one might say 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.' We were there to get an education. Our parents paid our bills, and we left debt free. Middlebury College was a safe place with none of the tragic situations from which students must be protected today. We left to be plunged into the Great Depression. We worked for modest salaries." (She was a very successful secondary teacher of French and even a second lieutenant WAC.) "With health and home care, we can just be amused at offers to help with stock portfolios and estate planning. Happy reunion to any who can attend." ✷ Our reunion observance will continue with news in the next column of **Evelyn Quick Clark, Helen Revere Hatch, Zella Cole Hibbert, Louise Thompson**, and me. Happy 2003. Mimi.

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742 (phone 978-369-5595).*

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I am here in Chestertown, surrounded by friends, and still doing a bit of professional work—my "Notes on the Economy" and occasionally a prepared lecture.

—Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

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It's early in January as this is written, and your secretary is enthusiastic for his job once more, inasmuch as he received cards and notes from a number of classmates. ✷ **Prudence Ingham Montgomery** writes that she is still a Vermonter, but enjoys the warmth of Florida's winters and the beach walks she and Monty did for so long. ✷ **Ruth Atwood Muller** writes that she is "still around and in one piece," enjoying life despite the aches and pains common to our age. She is still driving! ✷ **Nathalie Lewis Emery** suffers from declining eyesight, but manages to get letters off with the help of a friend. ✷ **Betty Pease Felt** continues to keep your secretary happy with correspondence. ✷ **Mary Stolte Toomey** had her son's help in addressing cards, but he writes that she continues in good health. ✷ And, of course, the indefatigable **Dick Fear** writes that he attributes his good health to vigorous daily exercise. ✷ **Philander Bates** also manages to keep the sands of Cape Cod in his shoes, and he also still drives. Phil writes that he keeps busy with music, crossword puzzles, clubs, and church—and his driver's license is valid until age 99.

—*Class Secretary: Mr. E. Parker Calvert, (calverte@aol.com), 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.*

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REUNION CLASS

We were sorry to learn from **Richard Allen** that his wife, Helen, died in April 2002, within two weeks of a severe stroke. He writes: "I now reside in the long-term care facility of the assisted living complex we came to in 1992 (in Westborough, Mass.). My son Pete or daughter Sue visits most days, so I'm fortunate, although needing so much assistance gets very frustrating."

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Edward W. Weeks (Mary Duryee), P.O. Box 151, Ashburnham, MA 01430.*

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After a very dry summer, there was a good deal of rain in **Avis Fischer**'s area of Pennsylvania, where families were displaced by flooding. She and a group of other knitters were busily knitting afghans for those seeking shelter with the Red Cross until a home could be found. ✷ **Doris Anderson Carlson** has reluctantly relinquished her Briarwood musical activities, but she was pleased to observe that much of the music she had provided was being used and that one of her Christmas programs served as a guide. ✷ Unlike many of us who are relaxing somewhat after a long and busy life, **Charles Kuster** has accepted a position teaching chemistry at the Timberline branch of the Colorado Mountain College. Even though his work with the Apollo Space Program and the Plutonium Isotope Project is in the somewhat distant past, he feels he can offer much that his future pupils can profit from. ✷ "Let it snow," writes **Faith Arnold Diver**—"but only a little bit." She and Howard were looking forward to a family Christmas gathering—and probably a good deal of snow shoveling. ✷ **Virginia Easler Wilson** recently returned from a three-week cruise: "Beautiful weather each and every day. The ship took the last week to sail from Madeira to San Juan. No jet lag!" ✷ **John Blake** (jhnblake@aol.com) is anticipating the beginning of his 90th year. He reports that his wife is active and healthy, a busy church worker. Both their "kids" work and live near them in Florida. They enjoy vacationing in Nova Scotia.

—Class Secretary: *Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

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Mary Dansereau Howard is living in western Massachusetts with daughter Charlotte, "who cares for me well, keeps me fed, and gives me her company. I am lucky and grateful to be in reasonably good health. Last summer we went to Concord, N.H., to visit **Frances Wilkinson Russ**. I was happy to find her in good spirits, as always. I also hear from **Mary Williams Brackett**." She misses husband Carl '30, who died two years ago, but she's "glad we both retired from teaching in time to enjoy years of travel and fun with our family and friends. What more can one ask?" ✳Living in Alexandria, Va., **Eleanore Cobb Lee** feels somewhat isolated from old and dear friends. She enjoys visiting daughter Rebecca Lee Samanci '70 in Westford, Vt. Rebecca and her husband run a successful business from their 18th-century house. Eleanore still serves on the health committee and reads aloud to three ladies "whose eyes no longer work very well." ✳**Mavis Jones Little** has moved to a retirement home since the death of her husband. She still drives, but requires a cane for walking. She says she plays "lots of bridge—probably too much, for it is taking me forever to finish John Adams, even though I really enjoy it. For an unknown reason, I have become a Yankee baseball fan. Know all the players!" ✳**Melba Spaulding Lombard** is happy to be "able to remain in my own home, with the help of numerous 'aids' and a caring, care-giving daughter, who does meals, laundry, shopping, trips to medics, and much more. My claim to fame is becoming a 'great-grand' to a baby girl. Meanwhile, there's reading, sewing, knitting (kitty blankets for a local shelter), and puzzles of all kinds. Plus 'jogging' around garage and driveway." ✳**Anna Mayo** writes from South Burlington that "Shunpike Road is not the quiet, little dirt road it was when I moved here. Traffic is beginning to be a problem, with drivers using it as a crosscut. I'm about to have a speed bump right in front of my house! I'm still living independently in my own home, but am increasingly aware of aging. **Mary Williams Brackett** called on me last spring, on her way to Middlebury from Maine. We compared notes on our vision problems and she advised me to stay here as long as I can. I'm in regular contact with **Fran Wilkinson Russ** and **Barbara Warner Barry**. ✳**Louise Hubbard McCoy** now lives at North Hill, a retirement community in Needham, Mass., near Roger McCoy and wife in Wellesley and also near both grandchildren. Her Vermont house has been sold, but "I still hold our vacation land and large farmhouse for vacation use." Louise still pursues her music and is delving into solo scores on her Steinway. ✳A welcome note from Mona Meacham (wife of **Ralph Meacham**, who died in 1984) informs us that she is "still living alone in Sunapee and trying to keep the old limbs functioning—a bionic woman, I am!" She keeps busy with church work, town affairs, and card playing. Her daughter, two grandchildren, and three great-grands live close by. ✳**Jo Anderson Michaud** is "grateful for health that let's me grub in the garden, for Doc Cook who led me to Walden and the wonderful world of nature writing, and for friends—some from Midd. Traveling means a visit to daughter June's this summer and seeing the fantastic new museum in Milwaukee. Small pleasures are my blessing."

✳**Barbara Binkerd Monahan** writes: "In September, after 19 years and much correspondence, **Albert Spendlove**, VP of the Camp Followers of the Class of 1936 (**Katie Brooks** was president), braved the interstates from Bensalem, Pa., to Manchester, Conn. For three days Albert and Barbara Binkerd Monahan wined and dined, gabbing about old times and old friends. They were aided by a picture, supplied by **Isabel Davies Emmerich**, of the Class Reunion of 2001, and the fact that **Dorothy Symonds Spendlove** had introduced them at the Middlebury junior prom in 1935. Completing the golden circle, Albert next piloted his 21st-century chariot to Barre, Vt., to meet **Gus Brooks** for lunch." ✳We are sorry to report the death of former class secretary **Harmony Buell Cobb** on January 12. Condolences are extended to husband Raymond, sister-in-law **Eleanore Cobb Lee**, and all of her family.

—Class Secretaries: *Dr. Angus M. Brooks, 8 Winter Meadow, Barre, VT 05641; Mrs. Margaret Leach Harris, 516 W. River Rd., Lincoln, VT 05443; and Miss Louise E. Hutchinson, 149 East Side Dr., #351, Concord, NH 03301.*

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Barbara Gregory Hopkins is enjoying her "retirement" from writing these notes. Last summer she fell and broke her hip while at her summer place on a Wisconsin lake, but after rehab she's back "in the swim" and deep into the social and athletic lives of grandchildren Ben and Sarah, including cheering for Ben at junior varsity football games. It was wonderful working with Barb for the past few years, and we wish her much good health and happiness. ✳**Charles Harvi** writes that he "managed to survive my 90th on September 11," but he's having problems keeping a family of skunks from ruining his lawn looking for grubs. At 82, wife Dody is taking extension courses at UMass. Both, he says, are "reasonably healthy." ✳**Muriel (Juno) Jones Corbett** is writing a history of her retirement community, Longview, where she recently became VP of the resident council. She reports that Longview has close connections to Ithaca College, which has an excellent Gerontology Institute and offers many opportunities to enjoy concerts. ✳We extend our sympathy to **Doris Downing Daley** on the death of her oldest son from cancer. She is happy that her younger son lives close by, and she delights in the lives of her six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. ✳Vermonters had another opportunity to learn about the World War II experiences of **Bill Heinz** when a *Burlington Free Press* reporter interviewed him in his new apartment in Bennington. The paper reviewed Bill's re-issue of his book, *When We Were One: Stories of World War II*, as well as his collection of sports stories, *What a Time It Was*. Bill's journalistic and writing career was traced from his $15-a-week messenger's job after his graduation from Middlebury through his eminent career as one of America's greatest sports writers. Columbia journalism prof. Sandy Padwe was quoted in the article as saying that you never tire of reading Heinz's stories: "That era of writing just seems gone." ✳**Walt Brooker**, who passed along the Heinz article, also reports that Bill was interviewed on two programs on WCAX-TV in Burlington. Reporting on his own family news, Walt and Bobbie (Carrick) '40 are proud to be great-grandparents for the first time, since the arrival of baby David. ✳**Doris Cutting** continues to enjoy life at Wake Robin adult community, where she has been joined by her brother, Charles Cutting '46. There are 17 other Midd people in their village. In December, President John McCardell and his wife, Bonnie, paid their second luncheon visit to Wake Robin. ✳Passing up her usual winter trip to California this year, **Elizabeth Beebe Bliss** planned instead to stay home in Vermont. ✳**Phil Brown** was "comfortably settled" in his new home in Maryland, while getting used to his first winter in the North in 20 years and his new single life since the loss of his wife. When he wrote, he was looking forward to seeing one of his two great-grandchildren dance in the *Nutcracker Suite* ballet in Washington, D.C. ✳"I still find joy in life," writes **Nancy Blanchard Britton**. She enjoys early morning walks along the river, seeing great blue herons near her retirement center in Tennessee. She has attended several family gatherings, including a wedding in Memphis and a Bat Mitzvah in Long Island. She writes: "While many of my old friends have passed through the great adventure and now know what comes after this life, several new and stimulating residents have moved into this lovely retirement center." ✳We mourn the loss of **Jonathan Peck**, who died at 89 in Avon, Conn., October 30. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. We extend our condolences to his wife of 62 years, Louise, and other members of his family. ✳We also extend heartfelt sympathy to Harold Frasure, who cared for **Cay Branch Frasure** during her illness and reported to us faithfully. Her September 13 death was reported in the winter issue. ✳**Eileen Whitney Wilson** writes about Cay Frasure in her latest note to us, telling of her sorrow over the loss of her dear friend. Eileen and Cay shared an apartment while working in Hartford, Conn. Eileen reports that her granddaughter, a junior at Wheaton College in Massachusetts, was spending spring semester doing anthropology studies in Samoa, with a three-week orientation program in Honolulu. "Needless to say," writes Eileen, "my family and I are excited about this opportunity for her."

—Class Secretary: *Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

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Bob Matteson has an impressive work history, but his achievements as a track athlete are equally impressive. As a high ranking masters runner, he has amassed many national and regional age-group records and championships at 200, 400, 800 meters, and the mile. Since 1991, when Bob turned 75, he has run in over 250 races! In his age group, he now holds the world outdoor record and the world indoor record for 400 meters, as well as the American 400 meter indoor record. In earlier years he competed frequently in road and cross-country races (5K, 8K, 10K, and 15K), finishing below third place only once! Congratulations, Bob, and please keep us updated on your amazing achievements. ✳We are very grateful to Dave Brooks for writing us about his mother, **Becki Abbott Brooks**. He writes that "in the past few years, she has been experiencing

progressive confusion and difficulty expressing herself. Becki laments that she can no longer write to her classmates and friends, especially when they are kind in posting their warm greetings at the holidays. As her nearer memories become blurred, it is clear these days that her classmates are more likely recognized by their 1938 names. Most meaningful to her are personal letters, which she reads fairly successfully, even with some remnant of an arrested macular degeneration." He further reports that she suffered a compression fracture of a vertebra on December 28. Dave is "optimistic that our prayers and warm wishes would prove most valuable to her at this critical time."*In a letter **Janet Randall Morgan** had from Sister **Gertrude Stevens**, she asked to be remembered to all her classmates. Just to remind you, we knew Sister Gertrude as **Monica Stevens** when we were at Middlebury.*Soon after Frank and **Eleanor Barnum Gardner** moved to Wake Robin, E. started a quilting group. Last fall she was asked if she and her quilters would make a quilt in honor of Wake Robin's 10th anniversary that will be celebrated at the end of May 2003. Wake Robin resident Adair Lobdell designed the quilt and the quilters got busy creating it.*Jane Abbott Barry lived at Havenwood-Heritage Heights, a continuing care retirement community in Concord, NH, for several years. In March 2002 she moved from a cottage at Heritage Heights to a very pleasant room at Havenwood. There she has her three meals each day either in the dining room or the cafeteria. Some of the residents she often sees were students of hers when she first started teaching and also friends and acquaintances from the years she lived in Keene. Jane hopes to spend Saturday at reunion weekend with us in Middlebury. Her son has told her he will be happy to drive her. We are looking forward to seeing you, Jane.*Winifred Duffield Taylor was also very much in hopes of returning to Middlebury for our 65th.*It was good to have a very pleasant phone conversation with **Polly Overton Camp**. To hear Polly so cheerful, after all she had been through since mid-November, was indeed a joy. At that time she had a hip replacement, which was really replacing one she had many years before. Then after she had been at a rehab facility a number of days, she moved too strenuously and had to return to the hospital for the surgery to be repeated. We can imagine how good home looked to her when she returned there on December 27. She said that her three sons have been super.*We send condolences to the families of **Raeburn Stiles**, who died in September, and of **James Zett**, who passed away last June.*On December 19, President and Mrs. McCardell came to Wake Robin for lunch. Following the luncheon, President McCardell brought us up to date about the freshman class and how well Ross Commons has been accepted. He also elaborated on the progress of the Commons program on campus.*This will be the last class notes until we gather for our 65th Reunion, the weekend of June 6-8. I'm sure you have all received the reminder from the College to place on the refrigerator door. We hope that many of you will join us in Middlebury to renew friendships and to celebrate.
—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

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As you can see from the address at the end of our class notes, I (Jeanette) am now a resident of Massachusetts, living with my daughter, her husband, three horses, two Dalmatians, and two cats. Their mini-farm is up a 1500-foot road, by a lake surrounded by beautiful trees and various flora and fauna. We are in the process of building a garage apartment that will be my digs when it is completed. Moving was an overwhelming experience. I now appreciate what other classmates who have moved have gone through. Needless to say, this has been a big change for me. I am looking forward to new friends here and to seeing old friends, classmates, and family who are nearby. If you are in the neighborhood, come by and see us. It is an experience. Write, e-mail, or phone me (978-263-8151)—I'd love to hear from you all.*Frances Barrett Johnson writes that she is "just glad to be alive and quite healthy." In addition to reading, walking, knitting, and taking care for her own home, she takes less healthy friends for errands, spends one night a week at daughter Signe's in Wellesley, drives to Vermont and Maine, and flies to Michigan to visit son Eric's family.*Dot Korb Carter spent Christmas with her family in Morgan, Vt.*We are sorry to report the death of **Robert Adriance** on September 12. The condolences of the class are sent to his family.* **Beverly Browning Gilbert** writes that she is adjusting to widowhood, but not easily. Living at Wake Robin, she is near her family and sees them often. *Elizabeth "Bettie" Letson is keeping busy, even having cousins for the holidays.*Joseph Foley had surgery. As an anesthesiologist, he had a hard time not telling everyone what to do! The operation was successful, and he is okay.*Ruth Coleman Skinner had a wonderful family Christmas. She thought nothing of driving 90 miles to exchange a gift!*Tom '41 and **Edith Egbert Bennett** feel very fortunate to have moved to an apartment where it is less frustrating, as they are surrounded by people with similar difficulties—hearing, etc. They now have a great-granddaughter and attended the wedding of a grandson in the summer.*Frederic Wheeler is in the process of selling his house and moving back north to be near his family. He is not well, but not complaining, as the medicine keeps his heart going.*Bertha Waite Markland's husband, Bill '40, died shortly after their 60th wedding anniversary. You have the sympathy of all your classmates, Bert. She is staying in their home in Whately and is coping well with the help of her children.*Irene Fernandez Anderson writes, "We've reached the stage when one wants to hang on to each day. They fly too fast." They had a pretty healthy year, with one bad hip (Norm's) which doesn't keep them off the golf course (just flexible rules).*Helen "Pat" Brewer Chadwick is playing more bridge and doing less gardening, because the heat bothers her so much. *Bill Stoops and Marilyn took Amtrak overnight to Washington state to see his son and daughter-in-law. They enjoyed the five days of Thanksgiving immensely.*Loring Lane and Rotha attended the marriage of granddaughter Cheryl Daly at York, Maine, on November 2.*Joseph Trask and Anne took a short break from Florida to have Christmas up north.*Thanks for all your Christmas cards. Best wishes for health and happiness in 2003.
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Marj Striker did a tremendous job as secretary, for which we all owe her a great debt of gratitude. She pretends to be happy at being relieved of the job, but I'm not sure the rest of us share her enthusiasm for the change of guard. She traveled up from Massachusetts with **Tab Hamlin** for our mini-reunion at Bread Loaf in October. Gathering at the home of Jeanette and **Loring Pratt** in Fairfield, Me., just before the reunion, were **Martha Taylor Elliott** (from Glen Burnie, Md.) and **Ed Morse** and his bride of one year, Inge (from Rockland, Me.). They all drove to Midd together, with the added pleasure of a trip through the White and Green Mountains during peak fall foliage. Along with the aforementioned, the mini-reunion banquet was attended by **Bob** and **Barbara Plumer Alden, Alice Atwood Spaulding, James C. Smith, Ed Reichert, John M. Gale, Bob** and **Lois Whittier Pickard, Martha Taylor Elliott**, and **Gene Winslow**. All adjudged the mini-reunion to be a roaring success, in spite of inclement weather, which did not really put a damper on anything. As usual, **Ed Reichert** appeared at the last possible moment for the banquet, but had enough time to properly reminisce about the Good Old Days at Midd. Each evening, after the meal was finished, groups repaired to various rooms for old-fashioned "bull sessions." All are looking forward to our 65th. *Talbot Hamlin wrote later: "The Class of 1940 mini-reunion was a super idea. It was great to see so many friends, including Walt '37 and **Bobbie Carrick Brooker**, who once lived across the street I now live on. And to meet Roger Chapin '54, to whose foundations I have long been a contributor. I look forward to next year's homecoming." *As town historian of Lowville, N.Y., **George Davis**'s special interest is an extensive collection of old picture postcards of the Adirondack area and familiarity with the photographers who rendered those images. He has contributed a number of illustrations to a book, *Adirondack Vernacular, the Photography of M.M. Beach* (a native of Lowville), by Robert C. Bogdan.*Marge Poor Doyle has traded the "hills and valleys of Vermont for the ocean." She reports a move from Vermont to Freeport, Me., after the death of her husband, to live with son Mark. Both are active in fostering the Special Olympics.*Donald Noonan writes that he is now living in Roxbury, N.Y., a "small town in the Catskill Mountains, south of Oneonta—home of Hardwick College, with whom we competed in my years at Midd. We miss western New York and joke about lake effect snow, but all in all we are extremely happy to be as healthy as we are." He reports living near one daughter, two granddaughters, and four great-grandchildren: "It makes it enjoyable."*Lynn and **Bob Anderson** and family traveled to the Canyonlands last summer. At Canyon De Chelley they were intrigued by the ancient Anasazi who once populated the area. The Anasazi mysteriously disappeared and were replaced by the Navajo and Hopi, neither of whom are descendants of the Anasazi. Bob used a painting of ancient Indian buildings on his Christmas card this year.*Laura Smith Whitworth's contributions to her community include collecting summer volunteers for the Sandwich Historical Society. A broken hip interfered for a time and she is traveling less, but she remains active.*Ken Temple reports that he is well. He's teaching bridge two or three times a week in his local community.*While **Curtis McDowell** has given up playing tennis, due to problems with his knees, he remains as light hearted and witty as ever. He has retired and enjoys time spent with Mary and grand- and great-grandchildren.*We regret to report the death of **Beverly Barton Hall**'s husband, Randy, in October. She

continues to stay busy, running her church library, writing a book, and keeping in touch with children and grandchildren. She plans to attend our 65th in June '05.✳I'm brand new at this job and really need your help to make the column interesting. Please send news about your current activities, thoughts, and impressions of the College on the Hill, and its contribution to your life after graduation. Contact me via e-mail, if available. If you do not have e-mail, by all means use snail mail.
—Class Secretary: *Dr. Loring W. Pratt (roachpond@aol.com), 37 Laurence Ave., Fairfield, ME 04937.*

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Secretary Jones reports: **Jean Connor** gave a lovely reading of her poetry in October at Wake Robin, where the audience included Westie (**Helen West Burbank**) and **Charlene Miller Karr**, as well as residents **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker** and Packy (**Ruth Packard Jones**). A celebration afterward took place in Ruth's apartment. Jean, Ruth, and Shaubie (**Margaret Shaub**) joined a recent tour group to Montreal to attend an exhibit of medieval French art.✳**Barbara Baruzzi** reports on her problems in selling a big, old house. That and doctor appointments take much of her time. She has wonderful memories of the great trips she and her sister, Rose '44, took abroad. She misses seeing Rose, who is in assisted living in Florida.✳We deeply regret reporting the death of Miggles (**Margaret Whittlesey**) on October 24. One of the outstanding members of our class, she contributed not only to her college, but to her community, church, and state. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. Living in Hillside her freshman year, she was one of that group of "Hillsiders" that have kept very close during the years. Westie and Packy were able to attend her memorial service.✳Bambi (**Irene Egbert Lally**) was "hibernating at home, thinking of friends and dear ones, and counting my blessings." She visited brother Jack and traveled to California last summer to see her sons and sister Alice.✳President and Mrs. McCardell, plus six other College representatives, came from Middlebury for a luncheon at Wake Robin on December 19. **Ruth Scheidecker** was assisted by Jean Connor in expertly planning the affair. Ruth audited a recent class at the College and found it very worthwhile. It was "Arts and Monuments," taught by Prof. John Hunisak. Ruth spent Christmas with family, enjoying an opportunity to be with her first great-grandson.✳For the holidays, **Packy** rode down to York, Pa., with Midd student granddaughter Liz. She flew to California for Christmas with another daughter and her husband, then spent a few days in Arizona before returning to Pennsylvania and Vermont.✳Ed and **Peggy Waller Glazier** left for their big trip to Norway in late September: "We started with two days in Oslo; then train to Flam (with glaciers, waterfalls, etc.); then to Bergen, where we boarded the mail boat (stopping at every town and village all the way up the coast and back), then ending with two days in Bergen." They spent Thanksgiving with daughter Ginny in Pennsylvania. "Come join us!" for a 2003 Elderhostel, called "Food and Wine in Southern France and Northern Italy."✳**Mary Kiely White** wrote from North Carolina when they had "just had the horrendous ice storm (worse damage than Hugo). We were without power for 10 hours and count our blessings."✳Activities are limited for **Connie Girard Brown**, who is still recovering from two strokes. She is dizzy and has eye problems.✳**Merritt Garland**'s wife, Sallee, was also experiencing dizziness, after recovering from her January 2002 stroke. Merritt writes: "Other than more housework and less time at the cabin due to Sallee's 'time out,' I keep on keeping on." He made his annual trip to Maryland Medical Malpractice Tribunals and conferences, and all the family proudly attended the college graduation of his grandson in May.✳**Babs Grow Grim** writes that "along with many others, I had 'cruise ship virus.' Sure cut into Christmas stuff and energy! The 'Grumps' are so glad they moved to Edgewood and carefree life." She is busy as librarian at Edgewood. Their main social events were a grandniece's wedding and a New Hampshire family Thanksgiving. She reports that **Polly Potter Tesar** and her husband will be moving to Edgewood, and the **Bursaws** were going to Florida.✳"In spite of old and new physical disabilities," writes Westie (**Helen West Burbank**), "we try to keep active. A heart condition somewhat limits Jack's activities. My shingles of a year's duration and an arthritic neck have slowed me down. We did some boating and limited tennis over the summer. AAUW, Book Club, Midd College fund-raising, and completing my 10th and last year as treasurer of the Mt. View Club have kept me more than busy. Our annual visit to son Spider and family in Seattle predated Thanksgiving in Brookline with daughter Priscilla and family. Christmas was spent in Santa Barbara with son Doug's family."✳Secretary House reports: As usual, the traveling Bartletts (**Charles** and **Doris Wolff Bartlett**) spent most of last June in their motor home. Now that they have moved into the Penney Farms Retirement Community (Penney Farms, Fla.), they did not mention whether or not they had sold their motor home.✳As an old fighter pilot, **Bob Johnson** is no stranger to danger, but his grandson, Don Harris, has outdone him. He was trapped for a week by the Israeli army near Arafat's compound.✳**Dingy Wright** reports that he still plays 18 holes of golf twice per week.✳Sadly we must report the passing of **Bill Markland**, another alum who loved Middlebury. He and Bert Waite Markland '39 never missed a class reunion and were loved by all of us.
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Jack and **Nancy Rindfusz Bates** are enjoying life in the slow lane. It must seem strange to be without Midd responsibilities for the first time in over 60 years. They clued us in that Christmas cards were a great way to get news for the class notes and, as usual, they were right.✳Good talk with **John Comstock** in October. With a senior group from Glens Falls, he and Ruth had just enjoyed a luncheon cruise on Racquette Lake in the Adirondacks. John retired 20 years ago after selling his insurance business. They missed Reunion 2002 because John had just had surgery, but they got back to Middlebury in September for a quick look at the campus and lunch at Mister Ups. They walk together for regular exercise, and John goes to a wellness center for post-operation therapy. They have a grandson and two granddaughters.✳Long since retired from Colgate Univ., Mark and **Ethel Stark Randall** live in the Presbyterian Retirement Home in New Hartford, N.Y., not far from their former home in Hamilton and their summer cottage on Lake Moraine. With Ethel is in the nursing home section and Mark in the residential wing, they are together several times a day. She loves to hear from old friends, so send notes to Presbyterian Nursing Home, 4300 Middle Settlement Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413.✳**Bob Bredenberg** and wife Arlene have two granddaughters attending Duke Univ. Bob was unable to make reunion last May because of health problems, including eye surgery. Living in Green Valley, Ariz., for the last two years, they are enjoying relief from the snow and ice of the North Country. Last summer, they spent a pleasant month in Colorado.✳A Christmas card from **Nancy Hall Whitehouse** included a picture of Nancy with **Ginny Smith Baker, Grace Shailer**, and **Daphne Smith Burnes** at Grace's cottage in Moody Beach, Me., last June. They were remembering June 1941, when they were all in different cottages at Moody Beach. Ginny Baker also reported on that mini-reunion. While pursuing her genealogy interest, Nancy also visited **Myrtle Bestick Silvester** on a later New England visit in November.✳"Cluffy" (**Mary Clough Johnstone**) is feeling fit in Woodstock, Vt., where she's busy with church, painting, and gardening.✳In Albuquerque, **Sue Hulings Ottinger** is into tennis, bridge, piano, and stamps, among other things. Granddaughter Caitlin, a freshman at Middlebury, was trying to adjust to Vermont's cold weather.✳**Helen Hooley Young** reported in from Venice, Fla., and Charlie Beach sent greetings.✳**Mary Eimer Leinbach**'s phone call and Christmas letter revealed that she and John are doing great. Their traveling, like Phil and **Betty Blanchard Robinson**, is limited to New England, visits to family, and trips to the supermarket.✳**Ruth Taylor Clapper**, who claims her life has slowed, reports on Arizona, Vermont, Cape Cod for a grandson's wedding, house guests, daughter's wedding anniversary, and looking forward to hearing what everyone else is doing.✳**Nina Camuti Danielsen** reports a total of 16 grandchildren and growing. Son John and wife have taken in one of the "lost boys of Africa" as a foster son.✳**Ann Curtis Wood** is a traveler, with archaeological digs and Civil War study in the Southeast, visits to Iowa, Boston, Washington, D.C., and Fort Worth—then to Finland, the Arctic Circle, and Norway. She reports lots of volunteer work, lots of books and music, and a good life with pleasant neighbors and friends.✳Dotty and **Dixie Davis** reported, through Jack and Nancy Bates, on "the warm fuzzy feelings for the four great years we shared at Middlebury." They also conveyed news of the death of **Ken Cosgrove**'s wife, Eleanor, in November. Our sympathy goes out to Ken and his family.✳We had lost track, but have received news of the death of **John K M Ross** on August 29. No further details.✳Updating us on his family in the North Country (of New York, that is), **Jack McMann** says that he is plugging along, enjoying every day as a special bonus—especially the Clarkson Univ. hockey program. He concludes: "Yesterday was history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a present."✳We missed **Ray Squire** at reunion last May. Unfortunately Ray died on January 19. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Virgina, and his family.✳A special thanks to all who sent us news, especially for all of the Christmas cards.
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During the Annapolis, Md., Audubon Christmas bird count, one of the counters reported a flock of sailboats beat-

ing their way up the Annapolis River, nearly obscured by a heavy snow fall. This was the annual New Year's Day race of 27-foot Soling class boats, organized years ago by **Stu Walker**, who reports at least two inches of snow on his boat's deck by the end of the race (which, incidentally, he won). Sailing friends and competitors from Europe and Australia were among the guests anticipated at his 80th birthday party April 19 at the local sailing club. He'll bring his boat for racing on Lake Champlain after our 60th. Daughter Susan '68 will also be at Midd, attending her 35th Reunion. ✳**Yvonne Golding Weinhart** and Bill keep busy with church, square dance group, and investment club. They occasionally get back to their Ohio home town, where they have dear friends and some commercial interests. ✳**Ginnie Clemens Lowman** and Rod continue their peripatetic activities—Girl Scout programs, Garden Council meetings, and Rod's Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers. Ginnie was one of 12 Golden Eaglet Girl Scouts invited to participate in a gala celebration of the 90th year of Girl Scouting in D.C. last summer. Last April they enjoyed a western Caribbean cruise; Thanksgiving was spent in Kennesaw, Ga., with son Barrie and family. ✳**Don Gale** doubts that he'll get to the 60th, but he sounds happy in Florida, with walking, reading, church activities, and frequent visits to his son in Georgia. ✳**Jim Clark** is treasurer of the Country Store at Evergreen Woods retirement community, while **Dotty Brown Clark** conducts water exercise classes three time a week at the Evergreen pool. They're very enthusiastic about their summer Smithsonian Learning Tour at Chautauqua, N.Y., Victorian village. They also put in a plug for Middlebury's Alumni College. ✳Having shed most corporate director duties, **Art Rasmussen** remains active in a variety of social organizations. He's also involved in establishing another computer skills training unit in the Walton, N.Y., area. With two sons and grandchildren living in London now, he and Joann recently went for a visit. ✳Last fall, **Ralph Barclay** took a course, Build Your Own Computer, at the local senior center and has managed to put one together. Ralph was a radio/radar repairman in the Navy in World War II, spending some time in the Pacific theater, which probably helped a bit. Ralph is still doing the "health nut" thing, he writes of his current emphasis on omega-3 fatty acids. Ralph lives on the east side of Washington and **Red Barmby** on the west, so they meet several times a year for lunch "in between." Red reports that Ralph is "an expert in alternative medicine—practically a second doctorate for him." Red writes that he and Ellaveen have a room reserved at the Inn for reunion, so we look forward to seeing them. Ralph also exchanges e-mails with **Dan Petrizzi**. ✳**Elva Tarbell Procopio** has been recovering from a broken neck—the result of a fall. "We still enjoy our life in Florida, with a bit of time in Massachusetts in the summer." ✳**Ginnie Carpenter Halstead** writes: "Last May I feasted my soul at grandson Chip Franklin's Middlebury commencement, accompanied by his parents, Churchill '71 and Janet Halstead Franklin '72, and our granddaughters Katie Franklin '05 and Lindsey—who recently mailed in her early decision application for '07. That's 100 percent of our grandchildren. I can do no more!" ✳**Beth Warner Carney** writes: "It's still a great life here in Santa Cruz, my apartment a five-minute walk from the Pacific's edge." She hikes, does photography, delivers Meals on Wheels, "works at demystifying this computer—and currently I spend a lot of hours working for peace." ✳**Frank Goldsmith** writes: "Middlebury remains the most wonderful dream it was 60 years ago." ✳**Bill Small** writes: "Baptized my great-grandson last year and great-granddaughter this year. Bernadette had a complete hip replacement and is coming along fine. Although officially retired, I do baptisms and wakes—the prologues and epilogues of life!" ✳Apparently hip repairs are "in" for our classmates. **Chick Johnson Doe** is recovering from a pinning that was needed as a result of a fall at Thanksgiving time. Installation of a stair elevator is part of the recovery plan. Sounds like a good move! ✳**Mandy Sanborn Krieble** also has less mobility these days and would enjoy hearing from us. She is at 80 Lyme Rd., #314, Hanover, NH 03755. ✳Good news from **Dick** and **Lee Van Leuven Morehouse**: "Dick had a successful heart valve repair and mows and mows. Lee sings in the church choir and redesigned the choir room. We live on Vinalhaven Island in Maine four months of the year. Two grandsons want to be architects—brave souls." ✳**Mary Hickcox Lecko** has been a loyal Alumni College attendee for 25 years, but missed it last fall. She is a library volunteer and recently attended an award dinner given by the Connecticut library board for her longtime service. ✳**Carol Lewthwaite Lockard** is pleased to have two great-grandchildren and still does a bit of church volunteering. ✳We hope we'll see you June 6-8!

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We are sorry to report the loss of two classmates in October. **Fiammetta Donati Blossom** died in Spain, where she had gone to live with her son. **Robert Klein** succumbed to cancer in NYC. Bob was an officer with the State Department and a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations before his retirement. Painting was his passion and his work has been widely exhibited. Bob's brother, **Kurt Klein**, writes from western Nebraska, where he owns a small ranch. Their two children are grown and they have four grandchildren. Having been back to campus only twice in 50 years, Kugy wandered the campus noting (as do we all) that it is not his Middlebury, but he still has fond memories of the place he once knew. ✳**Muriel Roome Wakeman**'s children all came home to celebrate her 80th birthday with a party for her. ✳**Pat Noe Bursaw**'s children also planned such an event to celebrate her 80th. ✳**Al Rathbun**'s wife, Sally, surprised him on November 10 with a birthday party. Helping him to celebrate his 80th were daughters Susan Martin and Victoria Rathbun Gill (M.A. French '89) and many friends, including **Al Boissevain**. ✳**Marmie Jolivette Manning**'s dad celebrated his 103rd birthday on December 27, "still with all his 'marbles,' a good appetite, and positive in spirit. Amazing!" ✳Since moving to Arizona eight years ago, **Bill Neale** and wife Maxine have traveled around the state to see all the sights. For a huge Neale family reunion in late September 2001, after the terrorist attacks, they decided to drive to Connecticut and arrived in time. The absence of airplanes overhead during their trip made for an unusual experience. ✳Last Thanksgiving, Ted '45 and **Pat Bryant Kelly** enjoyed a visit at Queechee Lakes, Vt., with son Jim. Their Midd granddaughter, Mary Kelly Montgomery '04, is enjoying her junior year in Paris. ✳Bill and **Betty Mercer McChrystal** spent a week at a luau in Lai Laina, Maui, with all 10 of their family last August. We (Marylu and Neil) saw Betty's brother, Bill, at the dedication of Colby-Sawyer's new sports center building. Appropriately named Mercer Hall, the building was a gift from Bill. ✳Now a member of the Marists, the Society of Mary, Sister **Althea Hall Jackson** has a confraternity of lay Marists who meet monthly. She writes a monthly column for the St. Augustine (Fla.) Record. She was involved in a serious accident last March. Her son is a computer engineer in California. ✳In February 2002, **Ruth Huff Allen** and her husband took a trip to Key West. In March they took a five-week cruise out of Hong Kong, which included shore trips to Beijing and the Great Wall. ✳**Charles Parker** and wife Carol, who both retired about 10 years ago, live in Odessa, Fla., where they devote a great deal of time to Alzheimer patients in various health care facilities. Charlie is a village association officer of a deed-restricted community, involving the issues of 1,000 families. Like the rest of us, his days on the tennis court and golf course are fewer than they once were. ✳**Mary Whitney Cassedy**, who stopped teaching in 1999, now takes care of her twin grandsons while their mother teaches. Mary sees **Barbara Dixon Morton** whenever Barbara comes up from Florida to visit her children and grandchildren in Maine. Mary and Barbara were both 1940 graduates of Northfield Mount Hermon School, as were several other members of our class. ✳**Dorothy Burton Skardal** celebrated her 80th birthday with two parties. Although her health has not been good, she recently toured Norway's northwest coast and also spent five days in a luxurious mountain hotel in south-central Norway. She continues to attend conferences within Norway on immigration and American studies and is organizing her professional papers at the university for deposit in the archives. ✳**Hal Parker** wryly reports that his triple bypass surgery, knee replacement, lens replacements in both eyes, and a new pacemaker have made travel a bit "iffy." However in a running telephone conversation with **Dave Stebbins**, who lives near Philadelphia, he says "it's just a matter of time to see which of us will first endeavor to make the seven- or eight-hour trip." ✳**Paul Davis** writes: "Still chugging along, and every day edging closer to what once seemed an impossible dream—showing up for my 60th Class Reunion."

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Secretary Hickcox reports: Through the magic of e-mail, **Marge Watson Haller** says that she is still playing golf. Her handicap is back to 27, after having a 31 a couple of years ago, when she had back problems. She has a degenerative disc, but the surgeon told her to try therapy and exercises and she is now almost back to normal: "The more active I am, the better I feel." She took an art sampler course at Worcester Museum of Art: "I tried everything from pencil sketches to oils and modeling a head in clay from a live model. Enjoyed oils the most." She spends most of the year on Cape Cod, but heads to Florida for 2.5 months in winter, taking her laptop with her. After going to Ft. Myers for six years, she tried the East Coast last year and really liked it. ✳Avery '46 and **Peg Rowland Post** (80 Lyme Rd., Hanover, NH 03755) are enjoying the many activities at Kendall retirement community. Peg does Tai Chi, helps in the library, and is a volunteer

driver. Avery, who has led a community adult education course, joins former professors to read and discuss papers. Eldest daughter Sue has likened Kendall to a college campus. ✳ In her Christmas letter to C. Percy H., **Dottie Robinson Foster** writes: "Except for a severe shoulder injury (my wonderful lab companion Slovo, while on leash, LUNGED suddenly, having picked up an interesting scent! That's 95 lbs. of yank power!), I'm aging relatively well. Only frustrated that I've been sidelined from tennis for the past three months! That's an important part of my 'health/life insurance,' as well as most of my social life." She was hoping to get back on the courts early in 2003. ✳ We regret to report two losses in our class. **Barbara Jagels Nims** died on October 20, after a long illness. **Walt Swift** passed away on November 20. We send condolences to their families. ✳ Secretary Wolfley reports: **Dave** and **Ann Merrill Otis** remain actively involved in keeping track of and visiting their three children and a gaggle of grandchildren. Dave sent a wonderful dissertation on the care and upkeep of antique cars and mortorcycles. His current collection include two autos from the 1920s—a Cadillac and a Model T— and two "bikes" circa 1973 and 1983. In addition to his wheeled interests, Dave continues to hike Vermont's mountains from a Montpelier base. ✳ **Roy** and **Beverly Boynton Kinsey** are still trekking the globe, most recently in Cambodia and in Thailand, where they were impressed by the beneficial influence that Buddhism and a benevolent king have had on the lives of these creative people. ✳ Two classmates who were only with us at Middlebury for our first semester sent interesting news. **Edwin Fancher** left Middlebury to enter the 10th Mountain Div. of the Army. In June 2002, he was one of three veterans of the battle of Riva Ridge (February 1945) to be honored by the Italian town of Fanano. The battle of Riva Ridge, and the combat history of the 10th, was detailed in a one-hour TV documentary, *Oliver North's War Story*, on December 15. ✳ Another one-semester classmate who is nonetheless one of us, **Tom Bonner** went on to receive a Ph.D. from Northwestern. He won Guggenheim scholarships, wrote seven books, was awarded three honorary degrees, and served as president of UNH, Union, and Wayne State. Not quite retired in Scottsdale, he now has a visiting prof. appointment at the university. ✳ Among our College's strongest supporters, Judy and **Will Bangs** continue to travel, most recently enjoying a long trip through Scandinavia, with stops in France and the U.K. Will, one of those among very few our age with no interest in retirement, still spends an average of three days a week at his Boston law firm. ✳ **Mike Mann**, now living at Slingerlands (N.Y.) in a retirement village, reports it is the best decision he has made in 20 years. ✳ **Peter** and Jean Crawford '46 **McKee** continue to travel, golf, ski, volunteer, and (as Pete reports) "try to stay healthy and out of trouble." A good motto for all of us.

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Master Gardener **Carol Jacobs** was recently interviewed by the magazine *Garden Gate*. A Eugene, Ore., resident, Carol is also involved with local craft markets. ✳ **John Perry** continues to test his new hip on the tennis court and golf course, as well as by roving around the country. The Perry family spends summer time at their cottage in Maine, winter time at their place in Georgia and, we presume, the rest of the year in Blacksburg, Va. ✳ **Benjamin (Buddy) Cohen**, like many snowbirds, spends his winters in Florida (Highland Beach) and the rest of the year in Massachusetts (Newton). (From what we've been seeing of the Massachusetts weather this year, going south is a very smart move.) ✳ Breezie (**Marilyn Arey McGeehan**) continues to tour the U.S., including a trip to Burlington, Vt., to visit **Mary Caswell Jones**, followed by a trip to Manchester, Vt., to visit **Joan Campbell Shaw**. She finally returned home to Stuart, Fla., where she is a volunteer usher at a local theater. Unfortunately for her, she missed working at the play starring Burt Reynolds. ✳ **Ruth 'Smiley' Riley Wendell** and **Kelly Delong Desmond** were planning a week of skiing in New Hampshire in March. This annual event was interrupted last year when Kelly broke a leg. We're pleased to learn that she has mended very well. When not skiing, Smiley is involved with such adult education courses as the study of Greek plays, the study of Islam, and a course in Great Decisions. Weighty subjects, indeed. ✳ **Avery** and Margaret Rowland '45 **Post** have moved to 80 Lyme Rd., Apt. 246, Hanover, NH 03755. In their new home, they are very much involved with church activities, music, and adult education courses. ✳ **Sheila Schmidt Rowland** has a new e-mail address: shharo@charter.net. ✳ We can find no evidence that the following news item has been previously reported, but we are told that **Robert C. Terrill** passed away in December 2001. The class sends their belated condolences to his wife, Rose Hull Terrill '47. Bob attended our 50th reunion. ✳ **Alice Thorn Laquer** reports a new address: P.O. Box 29, Danboro, PA 18916. The Laquers have not moved, but their post office did. Alice and Ed toured Norway in August, finally reaching Europe's northern-most point. ✳ **Leila Taylor Baggett** recently sent us a very newsy letter about her children, grandchildren, and life in Jacksonville, Fla., where she now resides. Leila keeps busy with church activities, reading, and trying to keep a garden in bloom. ✳ **Lois Brigham Selnau** and husband Elmer recently spent timeshare weeks in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Briggie reports that granddaughter Krista (15), who had a very serious illness years ago, is now very active with traveling and music. A real miracle and inspiration. ✳ **Katherine Rowley Tuttle** recently visited Cuba on a tour with the Metropolitan Museum. One of the lecturers was her late husband's niece, which made it extra fun. Kathy is now a great-grandmother twice. ✳ John and **Connie Smith Carpenter** took a long-awaited and super trip to Alaska in August. Connie reported that six Midd alums—including **Mary Caswell Jones**, now a resident of Burlington—were planning to attend a Northern Vermont chapter reception and hockey game at Midd this winter.

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"Scottie" Durkee Stillman, who is music and program chairman for her church and director of the Garden Club, took a recent trip to Ireland, reporting "it is as green as they say!" She was spending Christmas with her daughter's family in Charlottesville, Va., where she hoped to see **Ruth Britton Gore** and Bob '49. The Gores have moved to the Collonades, the retirement center of the Univ. of Va. ✳ A welcome card came from "Buzz" Brainard, widower of **Rosemary Roddy Brainard**. Buzz is living in Colt's Neck, N.J., with his daughter and family. We were glad to hear from him and have assured him that he is, like several others, an "honorary class member." ✳ **Muriel Mack Lamppert**, who had a knee replacement in September, was looking forward to full recovery by springtime. ✳ **Philip** and Jean Sloan '49 **Briggs** were anticipating Christmas in Shelburne, Vt., with children Peter '79, Heather '75, and Karen '73, and Phil's brother, Gerald '54. Philip and Jean divide their time between Shelburne and Scottsdale, Ariz. Phil still chairs the board of Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield in NYC. He reports that Empire went public last fall under the name Wellchoice, Inc., and the IPO was quite successful. ✳ **Mollie Stevens Chesbrough** and a friend visited England and Scotland in September, when the heather was in bloom. They visited Bath, Chester, Durham and York, then toured Scotland up to the Orkneys. ✳ **Alice DeLorenzo Stansbury** treasures memories of her trip to Italy in April 2002, when she visited Sorrento and Rome. She especially enjoyed Capri. She has been redecorating her Ridgefield home, taking time for an October visit to Hilton Head. ✳ **Nat Simpson MacDonald** was inadvertently omitted from our 55th Reunion booklet, so add 34 Sherwood Lane to your book. She's making an addition to her home and wintered in Stuart, Fla. ✳ **Shirley Woodward Myers-Thurston** sent news of her July 21 marriage to Walter Thurston (winter address, 39431 Elgin Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33542; summer, 10 Sunset Hill Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930). Shirley hopes to attend our next reunion, as does **Jean Mace Burnell**, of Seattle. ✳ Andy '50 and **"Steeny" Rolls Pepin** celebrated their August 50th anniversary at a dinner given by their three children in Newport, Vt. Surprise arrivals were Carl and **Tag (Jean Taggart) Lindblad**, Bob '49 and **Britt Gore**, Dave '49 and Perry Maurer Thompson '48, **"Doc" Carl Needy**, and **Lynn Bruhn**. A great time was had by all! ✳ Golden anniversary congratulations are also in order for Bob and Marjy Nelson Bench, Graham and **Sally McCullough Sterritt**, and Frank and **Flo King Millsaps**. The Sterritts have moved from Evergreen, Colo., to an apartment in Denver. Last fall they enjoyed an Elderhostel tour, following the route of Lewis and Clark in Oregon. Their sons were with them for Christmas. Flo Millsaps, who

Last fall, a 1947 mini-reunion at Fire & Ice brought together (front) Jean Davis Battey, Sue Carr Pauli, Peg Armstrong Igleheart, Mary Pitz Hunt, (second row) Betty Galloway Masterson, Phyllis Burke Cunningham, Helen Swan Cawood, Ruth Barber Toner, (back) Joyce Walsh Heath, and Anita Strassel Tiemann. Lynn Bruhn took the photo; Alice Neef Perine left before the photo was taken.

has garnered several awards for her research and historical work, is active in the Newcomers Club of Salt Lake City and is still an active skier, hiker, and snowshoer. ✳**Mary Pitz Hunt** is also active snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. She visited family in Atlanta, went sightseeing in NYC, visited a Montana ranch with the Nature Conservancy, and planned a World Wildlife trip to Peru. ✳George and **Jan Rogers Enzmann** patted a baby whale during a week cruise in the Sea of Cortez. The joy of gathering at daughter Heidi's for Thanksgiving was somewhat offset by the discovery that a thief had stolen all the wrapped Christmas gifts from their car. ✳Herb and **Bobbie Bates Lauterwasser** enjoyed the beauty of the mountains in September with their son in Oak Creek, Colo. They enjoyed caring for four grandchildrren at their summer lake cottage in August. A return trip to Chatham, N.J., allowed them to visit old friends and sing in the choir again. ✳Last July, **Phyllis Burke Cunningham** enjoyed a tour of Middlebury's Ralph Myhre Golf Course with Master Gardener Jane Burton, wife of golf course superintendent Peter Burton '66. Phyllis points out "how fortunate we are that Middlebury college is willing make this excellent facility available to the general public." ✳**Betsy Hornaday Fry** reports that ground has been broken in Bainbridge Island (Wash.) for "Janet Westhome," a new housing unit named for the late **Janet Kraft West**. Kraftie was the mayor of Bainbridge Island from 1994-1997, taught high school English there, and was a long-term member of the housing board. Her advocacy for people in need was exemplary, as was her commitment to her community.

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Joan and I apologize for getting a bit behind in the news for the Class of 1948. It has been a year of distractions for us. When I finally got out of the hospital and the health center here in Nazareth last winter, it was only to be confronted with Joan breaking her arm and having to have surgery on it in March. That meant months of rehab and Joan not driving for several months. Ugh! We are both better now, but we're still behind on almost everything. It also meant, unfortunately, that I could not attend my brother's funeral up in Shelburne, Vt., last spring (see memorial for Arthur D. Gilbert '38 in the summer 2002 magazine). I might add that Art entered Midd in 1934. It was a place he had never visited before! He went, he said, because the literature he received from the College showed pictures of students skiing, and he wanted to do that! When my father and mother (Gettysburg College, 1910) saw Middlebury for the first time, that was it. When my sister (Janet M. Gilbert '40) and I (originally Class of 1946) came along, father knew best! All three of his kids HAD to go Middlebury! I spend my spare time editing a set of Civil War letters, which hopefully will see print this next summer. The subject was a prominent Moravian, John Frederick Frueauff, who studied in Germany and later practiced law in the mining country in Colorado. Joan gets to visit her 104-year-old father down in Delaware, from time to time. He is in fine spirits and only frustrated that he might not be able to complete another book at this point. ✳Various notes on the Class of 1948 have come to us this past six months. **Charlotte Hoose Murphy** went to Seattle last June for a granddaughter's college graduation, "but that has been the extent of my travels, except for a couple trips to New York. Jim is still Town Justice, so I keep busy as Court Clerk. The aches and pains of aging are hard to accept!" ✳ Tom and **Nancy Bushnell Taylor** arrived home at the end of October, after nine months on the road, traveling around the U.S in their 20-foot motorhome. ✳**Janet Edward**s is still living in and enjoying her childhood home in Amenia, N.Y. In Hicksville, N.Y., Else Theisen Waller keeps active and is still working part time as secretary for their church pastor. ✳For some 35 years, **Betty Robbins Otorowski** has been active in the fine arts, principally watercolor and oil painting. ✳**Bob Kellogg**, still living in Middlebury, keeps us abreast of the new constructions on campus, with a new library below Old Chapel and new dorms, blasting for which is virtually in Bob's back yard! "Still," he writes, "between College and town, a great place to be. Come for reunion and stay." ✳**Rasjad Moore bin Abdullah** (formerly Lynn Moore) will not be able to join us for reunion. He wrote recently from Australia: "As I look out my window over the Indian Ocean, about a mile or two offshore I see the huge U.S. aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln hunkering down for who knows what? God help us all." Although he graduated in early 1949, Rasjad chose to affiliate with the Class of 1948, missing a year due to USMC service. ✳**Patricia Malone Bothwell** and Bruce "love to hike and travel. It's a wonderful way to see the 'real' country. We recently were in the Yorkshire Dales of England, which are truly glorious. We also go to the Adirondacks each summer for hikes." ✳Regretfully, more than a few of our classmates report that aches and pains of aging are hard to take. Dan adds, Amen! Finally, we hope all are aware of our coming 55th Reunion. Hope we all might be able to be together for it, June 6-8.

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Dave Otis's car collection includes two autos from the 1920s—a cadillac and a Model T—and two "bikes" circa 1973 and 1983.

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Secretary Guthrie reports in January: We just arrived in Florida, having left Wolfeboro in mid-November. After our return from Tucson, we had clocked 7,000 miles. That's what happens when you have six children all over the place. I met **Ann Holt Watkins** in Vero Beach and we attended an excellent lecture by Prof. Glenn Andres from Midd's history of art & architecture department. ✳**Jane Miller Brouwers** attended her grandson's graduation from Baltimore Friends School. In Maine, she visited daughter Bev and her husband, who have a B&B and also sail their 51-foot sloop. Her daughters gave her a super 75th birthday party at the Grove Park Inn in Ashville, N.C. They were in Pennsylvania in October, when they visited Dave '44 and Irmy Nierhaus Stebbins '48 and **Karl** and Juliet Carrington '48 **Reed**, in their lovely retirement communities (Stebbinses at Jenners Pond, Reeds at Crosslands). ✳George and **Rachel Adkins Platt**'s 14th grandchild was born in September. The Platts recently spent a night with Tony '50 and **Cleone Jones Sporborg**, who had visited Scotland three times in the last year. Rachel also got together with Betty Mae Dean Custer, with whom she had lived in NYC years ago. ✳Dave and I had dinner in Keene with **Becky Belisle Baute** just before Christmas. She spent Christmas with her daughter Alison in Ann Arbor, then went to Texas until mid-January to visit Bill McKinley '50. ✳**Jane Baker** writes that she has been "happily retired since 1991. I read, write, garden, dog walk, entertain, volunteer at Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, and travel often. In fall 2001, I visited Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary; that spring a dear friend (my Maltese pup) and I took a lengthy auto trip to New Orleans. Last fall, I sailed around the British Isles. Of the 10 stops, the Orkney Islands and Normandy were outstanding. Winter always brings a visit to family in Vero Beach, and this spring I shall see northern Mexico and Copper Canyon. As I said, it is a happy life." ✳Secretary Gore reports: We moved to Charlottesville, Va., to a retirement community in October. ✳**Charlie James** recently became a grandfather for the sixth time. He considers himself a computer world nut and also refers to himself as an SMA, or seriously motivated amateur. ✳**Henry Bloch** lost his wife about a year ago. His children have been a big help to him. He runs five miles every day and hoped to use his Stratton Mountain ski pass this winter. ✳**Roger Casavant** used to be in the rare book business. He is suffering from chronic pulmonary disease. He has a daughter who lives in San Diego. ✳**Dick Barnett**, who has attended some of our recent reunions, had been battling a lot of storms that had recently hit his North Carolina area. ✳**Herb Manell** lives in Arlington, Va, and also has a place in Florida. ✳**Bob Parker** left working on Wall Street 10 years ago. He does a lot of painting, teaches and coaches tennis, and keeps in touch with the stock market via Davenport Company in Charlottesville, Va. ✳**Al Perry** lives in Naples, Fla., and travels quite a bit. He occasionally sees **Cliff Forbush**, who lives in Sarasota. ✳**Walt Savage** writes that he and Patricia have been married for 55 years. He's retired from Fairleigh Dickinson's English department. Since his double bypass in November 2000, he has a smaller waist size and follows a radically altered dietary regimen, low in salt and fats. Walt is working on an e-mail list of all 1949ers. He's in constant touch with **Bob Whittier**, and has swapped messages with **Jane Baker, Jean Scroggie, Cliff Forbush,** and **Karl Reed**.

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Secretary Paterson reports: As many of you know, **Bruce Burdett** was involved in the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, as a sergeant in the 188th Engineer Combat Battalion. He recently discovered a Web site devoted to that battle, specifically relating to Bigonville, where Bruce was at the time. There are several fascinating personal accounts on the Web site www.bigonville.com. ✳**Carol Hentz Spooner** sent an update regarding the T. William Hentz '50 Scholarship Fund. With a book value of $444,086, the Fund is currently paying about one-half of the tuition for its two senior recipients. Both

are members of the Middlebury Posse group, which is recruited from the boroughs of New York City. Carol is justly proud of the accomplishments of these recipients. She sends thanks to all for designating the T. William Hentz Scholarship Fund, in addition to their alumni fund contributions.✳**Jackie Brooks Davison** became a colonial-costumed guide last summer at the Hancock-Clarke House in Lexington, Mass. Her interest in politics hasn't waned, as she actively supported two Massachusetts gubernatorial candidates, both of whom, unfortunately, didn't make it.✳**Sid Kaye** weighed in with a report, bemoaning the recent investment climate. He hopes for a better 2003.✳Last summer, **Dave Wallace** was visited at his Westport, Mass., home by **Bob Jackson**, Pat McAnney, and Pat and **Steve Welch**. **Dex Whittinghill** and Sally and Bob Whittier '49 also showed up. Dave reported that "besides discussing new shoulders, knees, and hips, we caught up and reminisced." Dave is active on his town's planning board and master planning committee, and keeps his hand in the architectural field with occasional consulting.✳**Harold** and **Marianne Ughetta Brew** report "a few more pills and 'spare parts,' but all in all we are doing well. Our six children and 12 grandchildren make our world go round!"✳We were happy to hear that **Evelyn Brite Janaro** had plans to get up to Middlebury in May to show her daughter the campus.

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Joan Thomas Washburn continues to be busy at her art gallery, specializing in American 20th-century and contemporary art. Established in 1971, Washburn Gallery is located at 20 West 57th Street in NYC. Joan is grateful to have this responsibility to keep her busy, as her husband of 49 years died in July. We extend the sympathy of the class to Joan, and also to **Virginia Snively-Bader**, whose husband passed away last year. Jinny spends winters in Florida and summers in New Hampshire. Wherever she is, Jinny is interested in keeping up to date on health issues. Her interest stems from having worked in that field, as well as having cared for her husband for six years before his death.✳We regret to report the death of **Curtis Norris** in September, and we extend the condolences of the class to his wife, Eileen, and all the family.✳**Meg Curry Gregg** tells of two special family gatherings that took place this past year. In July, a reunion of 192 family members was held in Yosemite Park at Curry Village. Curry Village was founded by Meg's great-uncle, David Curry. Meg is enjoying being more involved in local Armonk, N.Y., activities. At Thanksgiving time, her immediate family gathered to celebrate husband Don's 75th birthday. Don was wearing a Middlebury tie when he was being interviewed recently on the Charlie Rose Show, regarding the Korean situation.✳The best present that I (Charlotte) received this past Christmas was word that granddaughter Emily Read was accepted Early Decision at Midd. Hard to tell which of us was more excited.✳**Ken Provoncha** retired from full-time teaching in western Massachusetts in 1986 and moving to Melbourne, Fla. Since then he has traveled to Saudi Arabia three times to visit family—in spite of suffering a heart attack (leading to quadruple bypass) in 1991 and a stroke in 2000. Late last year, he was again visiting family for some four months, this time in the plains of Oklahoma. A so-called Middlebury "townie," Ken has fond memories of the College, the faculty, staff, and his fellow classmates. Best way to reach traveling Ken is by e-mail at midd51@yahoo.com!✳**Phil Dyett** writes that he underwent successful prostate surgery in 1993, only to have the problem resurface some eight years later. Two different treatments have worked, at least temporarily. While Phil enjoys "a good quality of life," he has lost some energy and strength, requiring a cutback in his time commitment to the ministry of Jehovah's Witnesses and from Theocratic Ministry School overseer to assistant overseer. He remains deeply concerned about the future of the world.✳Thanks to all who have taken the time to report on your activities, travels, and interests. For the remainder of the Class of '51, we ask that you submit a little news to keep this column more interesting for all of us. Thank you!

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Congratulations to **Louise Erb Mayr**, who was recently featured in an article in the *Washington Post*. She has been a beekeeper for 20 years and has learned a great deal about the art. (For more, turn to page 44.)✳**Jane Rupp Cooke** and your secretary (Jeanne) organized a mini Boston North Shore Midd reunion recently, with lunch and shopping at the historic Wenham Tea House. Classmates joining us were **Sally Baldwin Utiger, Carol Holmes Phillips, Ruth Eldridge Race, Nancy Shahan**, and, from other classes, Dwin Woodman Schuler '49, Aliceanne Britain Griffin '59, and Liz O'Donnell Wallace '57. It was Nancy Shahan's first get-together with classmates in 50 years! She spends a lot of time in Maine at her children's homes. She has been an activist over the years at Seabrook nuclear plant and for open space in her hometown of Newburyport. At present she is working to alleviate environmental tobacco smoke in retirement facilities.✳**Carol Holmes Phillips** and husband John are back on the bicycle circuit, since her knee replacements. They took Elderhostel bike trips to Denmark and Tucson, Ariz., and look forward to one in May in southern Germany.✳**Barbara Oetjen Cocchini** writes from her home in Milan, Italy, that she took a wonderful river cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg and has plans to travel in Italy and to San Domingo and the U.S. this year. Last June, she received the lifetime achievement award from the Expatriate Club in Milan.✳**Alice Hildreth Rand** writes: "My family and I will be commuting to Montana this summer for three nephew weddings. We are looking forward to staying at my sister's ranch on the Yellowstone River, going to a rodeo, and hiking around in some of that beautiful Big Sky country." She says she is "still savoring the wonderful mix of classmates from our 50th."✳**Haven Whiteside** concurs: "Our 50th Reunion was excellent. Thanks to the organizers and all who came. My wife, Rose, and I divide our time between family, half-time work (environment and nursing), and efforts for our nation to use peace, not war, to solve world problems."✳I received a great picture of **Carol Whitham Brewster** at a peace march in Augusta, Maine, carrying a big sign: "Speaking out is patriotic."✳Sadly, we have learned that Rick Thayer, the 43-year-old son of Marjorie and **Richard Thayer,** died on November 20 as the result of a small plane crash. Richard and Marjorie live in Charlotte, Vt.✳Joe and Jeanne urge all classmates to keep up the great work with alumni giving that you did during our big 50th Reunion. Our help is needed more than ever to keep up the good job Middlebury is doing to educate the next generation.

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REUNION CLASS

Greetings! We hope that by now you have digested your 50th Reunion yearbook and caught up with news of your classmates! The wonderful response to the "Road Taken" has hopefully inspired those of you who didn't get yours in to go ahead and do so for the addendum which will be forthcoming. Also, we hope the yearbook has spurred you on to make your reservations to travel to Middlebury in June!✳**George Byers** writes: "Had a great time in Colorado last summer, hiking Mt. Elbert (over 14,000 feet) with my two sons and two grandsons. In New Zealand this fall, went for a sail on the NZL, built in 1995 and raced by the Japanese Nippon Challenge. Helped crew! a Great boat. Enjoying retirement and five years of marriage!"✳**Patricia McKenna Goedicke** of Missoula, Mont., received the 2002 Beloit Poetry Journal's $3,000 Chad Walsh Poetry Award. The author of 12 volumes of poetry, Patricia is teaching in the Creative Writing Program of the Univ. of Mont. Among her many awards are a Pushcart prize, a National Endowment of the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship, and a Rockefeller Foundation residency in Bellagio, Italy✳We regret to report the death of **Robert Van Beever** on August 31. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. More recently we were sad to learn of the January 4 death of **Carolyn Kildare Kramer**, due to complications following heart surgery. Our condolences to both families.✳**Millard Davis** writes: "Carol and I will be wintering in Florida from now on, having received her parents' place in Dunellon, an hour south of Gainesville. The piece on Teale is featured on the Internet site of the Univ. of Connecticut. Article on insects of milkweed—all 5,971 words of it!—due out this winter in *Wildflower* magazine of North American Native Plant Society."✳Plans have been proceeding at a rapid pace for a fun-filled reunion weekend June 6-8, which will include golf, tennis, hiking, cultural events, and a few surprises. The College is preparing a red carpet welcome and we are looking forward to seeing all of you as well. Let us hear from you!

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Secretary Nickerson reports: From **Lannie Osborn Gartner** comes word that she and Rod are in the process of downsizing from their family home to a hill-top villa overlooking the Ohio River in the Masonic Village of Sewickley. Lannie and Rod celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary over New Years aboard the *Mississippi Queen*.✳**Priscilla Kelley Sadler** writes: "Crazier things have happened, but not often. In August we found ourselves in Portillo, Chile, skiing. Lots of fun. Run by an American with a Middlebury wife!"✳Secretary Ryan reports: **Norm Kittell** has been reappointed by the governor of Oregon to a second three-year

term to the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. The Corps' primary objective is to serve disadvantaged and at risk youth, and bringing work skills, education, and an appreciation of the environment to those youth. Needless to say, Norm's background and interests are ideal for the job. He taught criminal justice at St. Cloud Univ. in Minnesota. His interest in the environment brought him the National Coast Trail Association Award for helping develop a new section of the Oregon Coast Trail. And he has been an active volunteer with the Lincoln Commission on Children and Families and the Oregon Coast Community College Board of Education. Congratulations on a very rewarding position, Norm. ✳After leaving Middlebury, **Bill Kane** joined the Air Force and became an electronic warfare officer on RB-47s. These reconnaissance jet aircraft flew from the U.S. mid-continent area over the North Pole to check on Russian activities. After five years in the military, Bill earned undergraduate and masters degrees in physics and geology (Univ. of Kans.), then a Ph.D. (Univ. of Mo.) in X-ray crystallography. During 28 years with Corning, he spent 21 years in R&D concerning optical fibers (where he was granted five patents), and seven in the Optical Wave Guide Div. Due to his expertise, he was the U.S. delegate to international telecom conferences. After retiring from Corning, he and wife Virginia tried Boulder, Colo., but "found too many BMWs and too few pick-up trucks." Now they're happy in Cheyenne, Wyo. The Kanes have three daughters and a son, who is a general and wing commander in the Air Force and who also has a Ph.D. in genetics. Wow! Bill says his health is good, "with the exception of a squashed disc" that gives him some trouble. Not much travel, but they hope to be at our reunion next year. ✳Living in Portland, Maine, **Russ Briggs** is a retired physician (radiologist) and the father of five (two daughters and three sons). After Middlebury, the Univ. of Wis. Medical School in Madison, the Navy, and a teaching stint, Russ and wife Barbara settled in Portland, 35 years ago. Russ remains active on state radiology boards and in various medical organizations. He truly enjoys drawing and painting landscapes, and said he completed a summer art course with three other retired physicians. The Briggses spend February and March on Sanibel Island, Fla., where he sharpens his golf game. With a handicap "of about 20," he just laughed when I asked whether he was ready for **Jim Hunt** or **Dick Davenport**. One of Russ's sons gave him a book for Christmas entitled, *Father Went to College, the Story of Middlebury*, by W. Storrs Lee '28, the dean of men during our years at Middlebury. Russ's son found the book on E-Bay. With an introduction by Paul D. Moody, president of Middlebury 1921-1942, the volume was autographed by Dean Lee. Now that is a unique Christmas gift! While enjoying good health and a good life, Russ is concerned about the sharply rising costs of health care for all of us. Let's see what, if anything, happens in the next couple of years. But in the meantime, keep those cards and letters coming. And stay active, stay connected!

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Secretary Punderson reports: I genuinely surprised myself by entering a 50K ski marathon in Craftsbury, Vt., with son Eben and his wife Jill Madden '87. They did it in 4.5 hours; I took six. The winner was 2.5 hours. I skied in a 65K marathon in Murmansk, Russia, which took me six hours 19 years ago, so age takes its toll. It surprised me that I finished and that I came in second in my age group." ✳**Hal Higgins** has bought a townhouse in Oldsmar, Fla., and plans to spend winters there, returning to Groton Long Point, Conn., in the summers. ✳**Tom** and Lyndie Smith '58 **Lamson** are enjoying retirement to the fullest. Last June they flew to Ireland for a wonderful tour with an incredible itinerary: Dublin to Kinsdale, all three Rings, and on to Connemara. Next up for the Lamsons is September in Africa, where they will safari in Botswana, look at the Victoria Falls, and end up in Capetown. ✳Retired and living in Rockport, Mass. **Carol Hawkins Rowe** and husband Wally are both very active. Last year they went biking with Elderhostel in Provence and hiking/walking in Italy. ✳ **Dick** and **Mary Lou King Wollmar** were thinking of moving, but have decided to build a new home on their old farm. They loved seeing many classmates at Alumni College 2002, including Linda and **Frank Punderson**, **Sylvia Farmer Hultkrans**, Paul '52 and **Judy Kirby Bock**, and **Midge Van Leuvan**. ✳**Carolyn Edgar Goodrham** and husband Peter continue to live in England, where they are broadcasting on their local radio station. Carol has resigned as Parish Clerk, a position she held for 18 years, as the "red tape now associated with even the lowest level of government is beginning to turn a pleasure into a chore." ✳**Dave** and **Jojo Kittell Corey** admit that they are college hockey addicts (25 games last season, including the ECAC finals in St. Paul, Minn.; at least 14 games as of this January). Among their many trips last year was one to the Panama Canal. Jojo has joined the percussion section of the Brattleboro American Legion Concert Band. An excellent piece of news: Dave "has had good follow-up exams for the cancer on his vocal chord, and is back in full voice." ✳**Roy Craig** sent his best to the great '55ers. He and wife Esther took a 16-day cruise to capital cities of Scandinavia last May. "St Petersburg, Russia, provided a crack in the door to this culture and mega history of the region. The Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo captures all of life's cycles through emotional adventures; a gem. Our house in Gloucester has had a redo; it was like camping out while the work took place." ✳**Jerry** and **Gretchen Rath Doolittle** have eight granddaughters and two grandsons. Gretchen is still director of studies at South Kent School. Jerry is "still writing—these past months mainly for a political weblog I've started, at http://www.badattitudes.com/MT/. A pretty fair number of people are visiting, which is nice. If you can stand a liberal point of view, drop by. I've just finished a children's book, and am about to start another one (nonchildren's), about a police chief. All the earlier books are back in print, thanks to print-on-demand publishing, and can be ordered at stores or on the Internet."

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Floating Reunion

In late September 2002, a mini Middlebury reunion spanning many classes took place aboard a European river boat. Some 130 voyagers, all graduates of colleges and universities in the Northeast, were enjoying a tour which found them cruising rivers and canals in western Europe.

Malcolm Freiberg '41 reports: At the start of the cruise many of us barely knew one another, but the Middlebury connection drew us together. It was cemented when one alumna saw to it that we all met for dinner on September 30, as the MS River Navigator lay at anchor in the Rhine, after almost all aboard had visited Heidelberg earlier that day. That alumna was **Roddy Stanton '61**, who structured the reunion, arranged table seating, displayed the wonderful photographs she had taken, and generally saw to it that we all had a roaring good time. Enjoying the reunion along with Roddy Stanton were Barbara and **Tom Walden '62**, John and **Anne Horton Ridley '60**, Dick and **Helga Neuse Whitcomb '56**, Joan and **Dick Schmidt '54**, Nancy and **Myron Hunt '51**, and Mildred and Malcolm Freiberg '41. Helga Whitcomb and Dick Schmidt are the children of former Middlebury faculty members Werner Neuse and Bruno Schmidt, in whose German and geology courses I had the wit to enroll in the late 1930s. At the end of the meal, I, the graybeard of the group, articulated the delight of all of us in thus being brought together in such a reunion, with its fond memories of all our years at Middlebury.

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Secretary Wheatley reports from Dallas in January, while attending the 2003 National Figure Skating Championships as a non-working official: During Homecoming Weekend 2002, over 100 D-8 alumni and many alumni Mischords held a concert in Mead Chapel. **Mint Dole, Jack Harrington, John Hammond**, and **Ron Potier** sang with the original Dissipated Eight, in celebration of the 50th reunion of the group's founding. ✳**Dick Powell** is coordinating Middlebury's second Veteran's Reunion during Reunion Week 2003. This year's gathering will include a special reunion of Middlebury veterans to recognize all Middlebury College men and women who served (or are serving) their country, in war or in peace, with particular recognition of those who served during the Korean War (1950-1953) and the Vietnam War (1960-1973). ✳**Jack McDermott**'s youngest daughter is eight and he has eight grandchildren—including twins born last year! He's teaching full time and was organizing an International Law Ski Conference at Lake Tahoe in March. Returning to Trinity-Pawling in June for his 50th reunion, he was happy to see **Hawley Jones**, his first-year roommate at Midd ✳Dick and **Jody Newmarker Crum** were immersed in Indiana State Fair activi-

ties last summer. Jody was recently honored for 30 years as a 4-H leader. The highlight of their recent travels was their trip to Alaska in July. In the fall, Jody held a reunion with friends who had traveled to Switzerland together in 1957. They also spent time in the Adirondacks and visited the College. ✳ **Jerry Ocorr** finds retirement in a beautiful, historic town in North Carolina is delightful, with golfing, sailing, and flying. Upon wife Anne's retirement this spring, they planned a trip to the UK and Europe to coincide with the D-Day celebration. ✳ Now working part time from home as a consultant for a Baltimore business, **Pete Storms** is beginning to enjoy the flexibility of semi-retirement. The transition was accelerated by the implosion of Arthur Andersen LLP, for whom he'd worked as a consultant. Pete and Nancy recently enjoyed an Elderhostel trip to Savannah. ✳ **Diane White Matthews** took a three-week trip to China last April, including a five-day cruise on the Yangtze River. Last June, she and husband Jack were in Brattleboro, Vt., for her 50th high school reunion, but she didn't see **Kimball Mann, Marge Robbins**, or **"Flip" Terhune**. In August they traveled around Ireland, then September brought a cruise to Alaska on the Inland Passage with the annual World Wings (Pan Am flight attendants) convention. In Fredericksburg, Jack is involved in Rotary International and Diane writes her "Backyard Gardener" column for a local newspaper. ✳ **Bill Willetts** and family enjoyed cross-country skiing and snowshoeing over the December holidays, when they spent 10 days at Lake Dunmore. He says the staff is great at Midd's Rikert Ski Touring Center, and he appreciates getting honest condition reports from Rikert by e-mail before driving up from Connecticut. Bill planned a week at Bahia Honda in February and hoped to visit **Tom** and Lois Guernsey '57 **Woolsey** at Big Pine in Florida. ✳ **Mark** and **Nancy Warner Benz** are finally settled at home in Lincoln, Vt., where working on their mountain-top spread has become a continual "work-in-progress." All four Middlebury sons and daughters and their families gathered in Lincoln last summer for a reunion. Son Eric '88 recently joined Champlain Valley Orthopedics in Middlebury. ✳ **Walter Mear**'s new book, *Deadlines Past*, will be published in September 2003. ✳ **Kenneth Johnson** is still splitting time between Washington, D.C., and their place in Winthrop, Maine: "Telecommuting makes it too easy to avoid retiring!" ✳ Since retiring in fall 2001, **Henry McFarland** has published two children's books, *Ralph's World* and *Ralph and Jimbo's Great Golf Adventure*. Henry and Nancy live half the year in Rye, N.H., and half on Longboat Key, Fla. In addition to writing, he is "golfing, traveling, and otherwise enjoying retirement. Right after Christmas our entire extended family (two children, two spouses, and five grandchildren) went skiing in Utah. It was truly challenging to keep up with my granddaughter (15) on black diamond trails in 18 inches of powder." Henry has registered on the Middlebury Online Community Web site, but noticed that not many classmates were registered. Let's all go to www.middleburyalumni.org and get registered. Takes minutes and keeps you in touch.

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Trish Kane read about our 45th Reunion in the fall magazine: "Sounds like a lot of fun was had by all. Then I received the new calendar with the wonderful pictures by Sabra. Impressive to have such talented classmates. Perhaps I will make the 50th." Trish works three months of the year doing taxes for H&R Block, while husband George Watkins continues to teach as a math special education teacher in Austin. While visiting the D.C. area last summer, Trish and George visited with **Barb Zimmerman Dennis** and husband Bob, who have a lovely place in the country. They toured the Skyline Drive and had lunch at an outlook lodge. Later Barb and Trish met in the city for two exhibits at the Smithsonian and a concert at the Kennedy Center. ✳ **Diana Carlisle-Inman** and her husband have moved to Burlington, Vt., where they look out on the Four Brothers Islands and across Lake Champlain to the Adirondacks. She reports: "We had lots of history on a recent European Odyssey Lindblad trip down the Atlantic coast of Europe around to Cadiz, Spain, tracing the route of home ports of explorers and discoverers." In France, they especially enjoyed the connections they discovered with Quebec and New England. ✳ Now retired, **Henry Roberts** was "enjoying this winter in Monterey, Calif.; rest of the year in Duluth, Minn., on Lake Superior, where the air is clean and the water is clear and abundant." Henry's grandson, Nicholas, is 1.5 years old. ✳ **Alexandrine Post Koontz** recently finished work on a two-year oral history project, about women at Yale from 1965. Xanie marked the 10th year since her return to the East Coast this winter. ✳ While on a November trip to northern California, Charlie and **Heather Hamilton Robinson** enjoyed dinner at the home of **Barb Wilson Woolman** and Bob Hamacher in Sun City, Roseville. They in turn had just come back from a visit with Barb's roommate of two years, **Frankie Hall**, in Williamsburg. The Robinsons also had lunch with **Gail Bliss Allen**, who gave them a marvelous walking tour of her favorite haunts in downtown Sacramento.

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REUNION CLASS

Secretary Mohbat reports: Remember *Love Letters*, A R Gurney's sweet and poignant lifelong exchange of letters between a boy/man and girl/woman, the surprise hit of our 35th Reunion? It filled the Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre (now the Seeler Studio Theater) with returnees of all classes, with nary a dry eye in the house when it was over. Well, our resident director, **Ginny Davis Irwin**, will team with Gurney once more at our 45th on Saturday, June 7, to produce *Ancestral Voices*, Gurney's widely praised 1998 drama—"as elegantly faceted as a marquise diamond," the *New York Times* gushed. Four of your classmates and an actor from a more recent class will take the stage for this read play, portraying members (grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, son) of a rich WASP family in Buffalo between 1935 and 1942, with a brief coda from the 1960s. The son, Eddie, who goes from age 8 to 12 over the course of the play, narrates and guides the action. The play will be the jewel of our 45th—reason enough to begin planning today for your return to Middlebury on June 6-8. ✳ **Ann Martin Collins** keeps busy with family and work. All five children are married now and she has four grandchildren in the area. She's still working as the director of volunteers at the Massachusetts Radio Reading Network. ✳ **Russ Christensen** traveled to Laos last winter and spent three weeks touring the country: "I heard a great German jazz band play in Vientiane, the capital of Laos. Visited villages where women were weaving silk materials. Journeyed to the region where farm children are still getting their hands blown off from illegal cluster bombs dropped by the U.S. Air Force in their secret war. I lectured in the International High School on U.S. foreign policy....I wrote an op ed in 1980 after the students in Iran sacked the U.S. embassy, detailing the history of the U.S.-led coup that destroyed Mossadegh's elected government. Got it published by our local Catholic newspaper and then it was selected by the Quakers to be reproduced and sent around the world to peace groups. Submitted it to *Midd Magazine* and they would not run it. So much for dialogue at Midd." ✳ **Dorothy Rogers Riegel** writes: "I've retired from nursing and massage therapy, and am happy playing with my new Morgan mare, church work, singing in a women's chorus, and lots more." ✳ **James Witham** reports that he and Jean are enjoying retirement in Naples, Fla. ✳ **Marilou Benz Harrison** enjoys visiting children and grandchildren in NYC and Gap, France. She is "part of a small group that recently bought the estate-sale company with which we have worked for the past 15 years. In addition to working sales, I am the business manager." ✳ **Gay Nelson Smith** writes: "Alive and well and still married to Jerry Otis '59. We live in Florida in the winter and Maine in the summer. I attended nephew Sean Nelson's graduation at Midd last spring and had a joyous time."

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Phil Buley had a very active summer 2002: "Wife Pam retired from special education teaching at Middlebury Union Middle School, son Ben graduated with departmental honors in computer science from Hartwick College, and the old folks headed off to London and Paris to review all the places they missed the last times they were there. Spring 2003 promises an Eastern Europe trip, if the world doesn't fall apart in the meantime. And Phil sends best wishes to all classmates for a healthy and enjoyable 2003." ✳ In February, **Nancy McKnight Smith** and **Nancy Smoller LeFloch** planned a reunion at the LeFloch home in France! Both had a break in their teaching schedules, so it looked like a go! ✳ **Ann Biggar Prewitt** leads tours of Kenya for the American Museum of Natural History in New York on a regular basis. This winter it was her turn to be a participant of one of the museum's tours to Vietnam. Stay tuned for news of her experiences. ✳ **Dorrie Landry Kehoe** reports the biggest challenge of 2002 was dealing with Medicare, etc. Doris is working on an independent basis with museums in New England and with the National Park Service: "I love being engaged professionally and am not at all ready to retire. This seems like having my cake and eating it too!" ✳ **Hank Moody** reports that his family is well. Panamax celebrates its 28th year in business in 2003: "We will also relocate to a new site—28 years

tires a manufacturing operation. We designed and built the world's fastest surge protectors."*Nancy Stewart Ramsdell has volunteered for the Olympics and the Paralympics for the last two years: "It was an exciting time for Salt Lake City! since then, have been traveling to visit family, friends, and tropical places. Volunteer activities fill much of my days."*After 25 years in retail banking, **Alfred Tyler** is involved in a second career as a psychiatric social worker with L.A. County Mental Health. "My one-year-old granddaughter, adult daughter, and son provide richness to my life," he writes.*Barbara Hart Decker recently enjoyed the 45th reunion of the Student Conversation Assoc. in Grand Teton National Park, along with **Ailene Kane Rogers** and Pat and **Fred Swan**.*Richard Hofmann now has time to pursue his study of Arabic, with the alphabet being "the biggest hurdle." He reports that "it was great to get back to Middlebury for Homecoming Weekend last October." He spent winter at his home in Florida, with plans to return to Long Island in late April.*At McGill University, Prof. **David Harpp** (chemistry) was awarded the Principal's Prize for Excellence in Teaching for 2001 in the category of full professor.*Please send your e-mail addresses to **Ilse Benzien van der Bent**. Ilse promises that she will not send them to a telemarketer—just to '59ers!*Kudos to **Gayl Maxwell Braisted** for designing our "Save the Date" postcard!*On her way out of town to visit her family in New Zealand, **Anne Martin Hartmann** reports that **Carolyn Parks Behr** and **Bob Luce** have agreed to chair our 45th Reunion, and **Noelle Caseley Locke** and **Bob Ray** have agreed to be head class agents for our gift committee. Now we can be assured it will be an extraordinary event! Save the dates: June 4-6, 2004.
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Bob and **Betsy Cilley Goeke** have been to Munich and Holland, due to Bob's work as the engineering planner for a civilian satellite plan to monitor coral reef health. Having acquired a new tenor recorder in Germany, Betsy is playing in a recorder group. She also volunteers for the Museum of Science and the Saugus Ironworks National Historic Site. They have their house on the market and have purchased a townhouse condo in Winchester. Daughter Beth '99 is working on her Ph.D. at the Univ. of Iowa, while son Rob is in Los Angeles.*Anne Horton Ridley retired in June from the Fenn School in Concord, Mass. Husband John retired last year, so they have time to visit daughter Jen and her family in Indiana. Anne and John traveled to Germany with several Midd alums last fall. They keep busy with volunteer stuff, including chairing the antique dealer aspect of this fall's Acton Antique Show.*Also on the go, James and **Louisa Potts Salmon** cruised the Caribbean and the Panama Canal, traveled to Korea, spent three weeks in Spain, and visited family in California and Texas. Louisa was recently recognized for 25 years of service to Meals on Wheels; James is a new recruit.
*Herb Foster writes "I find it hard to believe that, after graduating as a Russian major, it took me 42 years to finally get to Russia." He visited Russia in late summer, with a group from Waterville, Me., and got along quite will with spoken Russian. He may return as a resource person for future teachers

John Cowan's advice for travelers: Do not count nitroglycerin tablets and then touch your luggage without first washing your hands.

of English. Traveling and studying fits in nicely with hiking, his other retirement activity*Bud '59 and **Nona Lyons Livingston**'s Christmas picture said it all. They were sitting on their boat, surrounded by skiing, fishing, and biking equipment.*Breck and **Sue Hibbert Lardner** continue to keep in touch with old friends and Middlebury plans. Last summer featured yet another Cow Shit Festival at John Sinclair '62 and wife Nancy's farm in Springfield. Three generations and pets attend. In October the Lardners were back at Midd for the Diamond Jubilee 50-year reunion of the Dissipated Eight.*Betty and **Pieter Schiller** made their first trip to England since 1971: "How foolish to have let so many years pass without a visit. Can't wait to go back." While planning to retire from Advanced Technology Ventures, Pieter will continue to work with the companies he helped fund.*While back East for a family wedding in July, **Lindy Hill Reed** had lunch with David and **Jane Bryant Quinn** in Connecticut and with Don and **Nancy Mumford Mulvey** in Andover. She also hiked for five days in Glacier National Park. The Mulveys report that, despite some health problems, both are still golf masochists and volunteer in town, school, and church stuff.*Bob and **Judy Dickerman Blodgett** gained a son-in law, when daughter Jennifer was married in November. Their son has two children, Ethan (4) and Maya (2), whom "Nana" has a great time babysitting.*While in the process of merging their households, Dave and **Helen Smith Folweiler-Chipman** still happily live in two houses and a boat. They travel, ski in Wyoming, visit family in Seattle, and enjoy family visits in Bedford, Mass. They took a second place in a race at their yacht club last summer.*Events in 2002 occasioned multiple trips between Ho Ho Ho Kus, N.J., and Algoma, Wis., for Joyce and **Bob Millett**. All nine family members got together in Madison for their Christmas photo, missed only by their newest grand, William Garrison, because he was not born until December 1.*Now retired from her human resources job at Corning, **Polly Johnson Stephens** is providing after-school care for her three grands, monitoring homework and transporting them to gymnastics, field hockey, and taekwondo. She's also doing part-time work through a nursing agency, taking care of elderly people in their homes. Her comment: "Wait a minute. I thought I had retired and now I'm busier than ever!"*In Polson, Mont., **John Cowan** and wife Elaine have taken more time to visit friends and family, enjoy their scenic area, work with community groups, and just kick-back and enjoy. John's advice for travelers: Do not count nitroglycerin tablets and close the carry-on without first washing your hands. San Francisco airport security detects explosives quickly. A chance to visit your mother-in-law is worth the Florida humidity, but do not wear boots with steel plates, or you get to take your shoes off at least four times during the trip.*Bruce Richards has been lecturing across Colorado on end-of-life care and executing advance directives. This is not a discussion about euthanasia or assisted suicide, but about ethical legal decisions at the end of life that we all need to make and communicate with our family.*Our sympathy to **Geneva Tallman Malenfant** on the death of her husband, Arthur, on July 30. Their four children, their spouses, and seven grandchildren have been a great support for her. She hoped to move to Cambridge, Mass., in February.*International Handbook of Underwater Archaeology, edited by Carol Ruppe and **Jan Fisher Barstad**, came out in September 2002. This 881-page landmark work details advances in the underwater archaeology field during the past 10 years. Jan reports: "I'm honored to have worked with some of the premier underwater archaeologists in the world to put the volume together."*Thanks for all your cards and holiday letters, and thanks to everyone who sent leads on missing classmates. If you need new addresses for Geneva Malenfant or Betsy Goeke, please drop **Jean Seeler** a note.
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Anne Fisher Ellwood writes from Utah: "Hope everyone enjoyed watching the Olympics in my back yard! Spectacular! Am on my second course of chemo therapy for return of ovarian cancer. I've been fighting it for five years now. Nasty! Am weak and nauseated. Miss my genealogy work. Our son, Alex, married Tonia Snow last summer and has moved back to Utah. Best to all." Best wishes from all the class to you, Anne.*Gerald Zelermyer writes: "I retired as Rabbi Emeritus of Emanuel Synagogue in West Hartford, Conn., last June and moved to become Rabbi of Mikve Israel Emanuel in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, the oldest synagogue in the Western Hemisphere. My new address is P.O. Box 322, Hanchi di Snoa 29, Curacao 011."*We regret to report the death of **Edmund Wisnowski** on November 9.
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Secretary Fischer reports a newsy e-mail from **Bonnie Bonnaviat**: "When I last saw you, I had finished my Middlebury M.A. in French at the Sorbonne and was teaching outside of Paris for the U.S. government. Since then, my job has taken me to live in Turkey, northern Japan and Tokyo, Germany, Bahrain, back to the States, Iceland, and now to the Yorkshire Dales of northern England, where I've finally 'settled' for the last 12 years. I've taught high-school French and, recently, social studies in a small American school in North Yorkshire. I lead a far simpler life here in the countryside than in other places I've lived. Sometimes it's a bit too simple for my tastes, in spite of the healthy cultural life in nearby cities, but I've been generally content. I still have the same passion for teaching French. Bless the quality French education I got at Middlebury! It took foreign language teaching about 20 years to catch up with teaching strategies I learned at the feet of Claude Bourcier et al! I

plan to retire in two years, stay in Europe, and spend as much time in France as possible. I love England, but as France is the country of my heart, it's possible that I may eventually settle there. Like life partners, it's a case of falling in love with the right place at the right time. Que sera, sera. Best regards to the Class of '62."✳Thorny (**Anne Thornton Bridges**) reports that her vocational rehab career still allows for her ski instructing, tennis coaching, and front desk shifts at the Woodstock Health and Fitness Center. Husband Al does mapping work for Geographic Data Technology on his home computer, while driving three days a week for a company similar to FedEx. Renovations continue on their piece of Vermont, which now has 71 more trees and a rock wall.✳When **Kathy McKinley Harris**'s husband, Everett, retired, they celebrated properly with a trip to Paris in January 2002. She says that even January in Paris is beautiful, with green grass, primroses in bloom, tulips sprouted, and food delicious. Last year she edited a memoir by Craig Burt, father Stowe's ski resort. Daughter Susannah was married September 7.✳All's well with John and **Cindy Cooper Bracken**, according to their Christmas card.✳Brian and **Alice Couperus Gross** traveled through Eastern Europe in October, after three years of little or no traveling (due in part to Brian's ankle fusion surgery, from which he's made a great recovery). Later they climbed Mt. Tamalpais, one of Brian's favorite boyhood haunts growing up in California. Alice continues to do some work as vacation relief at Winchester Hospital, where Brian works mornings at the Fertility Center.✳Boz (**Judy Bosworth Roesset**) continues to take hiking trips, "while the back and legs and pocketbook hold out." Last September she signed up for a wine tasting tour of the Rioja and Ribera del Duero in northern Spain with 15 Brits. "All the others were quite knowledgeable about wines, so I was the only total nincompoop. The only place I could stack up brownie points was when we finally made our way through France, by bus, stopping for tours and meals in vineyards, to Spain—because I was the only one who could speak Spanish, other than the tour guide. Great trip, after which I continued on to Portugal for a week to walk off the accumulated calories. In vain. Good food there, too. Happy New Year to everyone!"✳**Ken** and **Helle Thomsen Parker** have five grandchildren. Helle has retired from teaching physical education and French.✳**Victor Micati**, who retired in 1999 as executive VP of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, was on campus in late January to lecture on "The Tensions of Global Health Care" at the Rohatyn Center for International Affairs.✳**Rob Donner** is still working on Wall Street. He reports that his three sons and one grandson are all living in San Francisco.✳"Life is busy and productive," reports Judge **Howard Scheinblum**. Howard's son, Jeffrey, got married in December 2002. .

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Craig Stewart is looking forward to our 40th Reunion with great anticipation.✳**Chris White** has been working to provide affordable housing for year-round residents on two islands in the Town of Cranberry Isles, Maine.✳"After 35 years in the box business," **LeRoy Crocker** reports, "we are looking forward to retirement in the not-to-distant future, most likely in coastal South Carolina or Georgia. Our five grandchildren keep us busy."✳**Judy Bogert** Funderburk writes: "Had a wonderful visit with **Barbara Dickey Hoffman**, reminiscing about our time together 37 years earlier, when she introduced me to my future husband. Also reconnected with **Mary Robson**. After hiking for seven days in the Olympic Peninsula, we spent three days in Mary's lovely new home outside Port Townsend, Wash. "✳**Heather Bry Wolfe** "retired from the U.N. Interpretation Service December 31, 2001, but fortunately can continue the same work in a freelance capacity. Became a granny on April 4! Don't much like our empty nest, with youngest now in college."✳**Davis Van Winkle** writes that he and Louise Gulick VanWinkle '64 "continue to run our girls' summer camp in Maine with children Mark '91 and Heidi VanWinkle Gorton '94. During the winter we spend some time in Sedona, Ariz., and skiing out West."✳Being both a Russian and French speaker, **Ron Gambolati** really enjoyed his jobs at the Russian Space Center in Baikonur and the European Space Center in Kourou, but the time away from home didn't seem like retirement, so he opted to become a substitute in the advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs in the local high schools.✳**Bill Temple** is "enjoying retirement. Now three grandchildren—all perfect. Look forward to seeing you at reunion."

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"Having recently turned 60," writes **Alan Dewart**, "I have committed myself to spending more time with family and friends. This summer I was able to get off to a good start in this regard. In July, my wife, Carolyn, and I visited **Mike Devlin** and his family at their new home in Lake Placid. Mike really enjoys puttering around and putting the finishing touches on his new home, watching his investments, and climbing the high peaks with his two daughters. Last week he e-mailed me to tell me that he was leaving for Paris to run a race between the Eiffel Tower and Versailles! What a special treat and pleasure it was to have Fred Stetson '65 ride his bike over from Burlington to join us for a relaxing dinner on the grill and some good wine. It's been almost 40 years since we've seen each other. We then left Lake Placid for our cottage in northern Quebec, where we were joined by **Mike Heaney** and his family, and they were with us for almost a week! Most classmates probably know that Mike has left the practice of law and now teaches history at Trinity College. These get-togethers with old and longtime Midd friends were the highlight of my summer!"✳In Miami, Fla., **Judy Williams** is president of a consulting firm specializing in policy and health-care research, evaluation, and organizational analysis and improvement. She says the "focus is on public-program effectiveness in services to vulnerable populations."✳After retiring from a long career teaching French and Spanish, **Faith Post Weldon** (M.A. French '66) is busy developing a second career as an artist. She has paintings on display in various galleries in or near Saratoga. She and her husband continue as avid downhill and cross-country skiers. They also travel, with China as their spring destination.

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Andrea and **Randy Brock** are dividing their time between Florida in the winter and Vermont in the summer. Daughter Natalia (16) attends school in Naples. Randy just retired as executive VP, risk oversight, from Fidelity Investments, although he continues to consult with them in "retirement."✳**Shirley McMahon Oktay** is working part time in private practice and in group practice as a psychiatrist. She's also pursuing music training and singing in the Fine Arts Chorale.✳**Bob Dorf** writes that he's working with daughter Heather Dorf Rawlings '94 and trying to spend as much time in Mazatlan, Mexico, as time permits.✳Toby and **John Elmendorf** are still living in the same cabin in the Boulder hills. Elmo still works for Head's tennis- and ski-wear company, but "nowadays it's mainly tennis." His kids and mom have settled in Boulder, so "it's nice to have all so close." He continues, "It's hard to fathom that I'm now going to 35-year reunions for my Vietnam pilot group, but it seems the busier you are the better things seem to go." He wants any interested fly-fishing types to feel free to call re: Colorado and Wyoming times, places, and even patterns.✳**Mindy Wright Colquitt** celebrated her 60th birthday last September in Ann Arbor, Mich., with **Gail Tideman Murphy**, Cindy Stiles '81 (Mindy's next-door neighbor), and **Carol Dickerman**. (View photo in E-News section of Middlebury Alumni Online Community at www.middleburyalumni.org.)✳The Bay Area has another ball player to cheer about. **Jeff McKay** and wife Beth O'Neill welcomed son Will O'Neill McKay on November 5. Coach says that he doesn't want him to become a catcher like his father was. Fathers know that our kids have a tendency to do exactly the opposite of what we suggest, so Jeff had best keep that wish quiet.

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Elizabeth Leppman was a member of a fact-finding team of U.S. academics against war in Iraq from January 11-17, 2003: "The team consisted of 35 college faculty, students, and other concerned intellectuals from 28 universities in 21 states. They met with university faculty members in Baghdad and Babylon, toured a hospital, mosque, churches, an air-raid shelter that was destroyed by a U.S. 'smart' bomb in 1991, the ruins of ancient Babylon, and the Iraqi Museum." Elizabeth is an associate prof. in the department of geography at St. Cloud (Minn.) State Univ.✳"T" Tall '65 passed along some news about a great way to deal with change, a mini-reunion. **Carol Sue Tarbox Tombari** and **Kay Patterson** got together in June on Puget Sound with friends Polly Moore Walters '65 and Diane Takamune '65. After hours of wonderful conversation, the group enjoyed dinner at Kay's house with her husband, Ed Sider, and with **Debbie Dain** and her husband, Jim Owens.✳Secretary Page reports: Spring in Vermont and Colorado brings many changes, and not just in the weather! If you're in the midst of change where you are, please let us know what's new.✳Follow-up news from **Dudley** and **Rita Crocitto King** includes the birth of grandchildren #10 and #11 in Baltimore. Aaron James Lemke, Jr. ("James") was born September 9

WEDDINGS

Gathering in Nantucket, Mass., for the October 5, marriage of Maggie Bittinger '97 and Keith Liljegren '97 were ('97 unless noted) Sara Vintiadis McCall, Matt Bijur, Matt Fritz, Mike Bender, Evan Alexander, Dates Fryberger, Lauren Brown '98, Becky Cowgill Wilkoff, Al Finkelstein, Nick Wilkoff, Adam Duarte, Weezie Smith, Amy Nichols, Laurie Higginbotham, Catherine Herrick, Kate Oates, Molly Lukins Burke, (second row) Zach Hallowell, Nick Whitman, Sarah Ibbotson, Craig Beni '96, Jocelyn Nill, Whitney Parks, Jason Vintiadis '99, the newlyweds, Jen Horn, Patricia Parra, Shannon Reilly, Christine McCann Hamner, Laine Catlin, Amy DiAdamo, Franklin Foster, (back row) Jon McCall, Nick Owsley, Brian Burke, Brad Soroca, Ian Brodie '96, Ben Newman '99, Brad Demong '99, Henry Simonds, Jamie Cowperthwait, Ethan Sluter, and Brian Reilly '02.

The marriage of Christa Leonard '00 and Ben Abbott took place on September 8, 2002, at the Wee Burn Beach Club in Rowayton, Conn., where they celebrated with (front) Bob Buckeye (College archivist), Courtney Lane '02, the newlyweds, Erica Hill '00, Amanda Hoffman '02, (back) Lisa McAndrews '02, Michael Hartt '01, Jennifer Diggins '00, Tricia Rayburn '00, Patty Ramsey '67, Faith Cohoon Leonard '67, and Skip Leonard '67.

Amber Olig '97 and Dan Taylor were married October 5 at Ocean Cliff in Newport, R.I. Amber is an equity analyst at Fidelity Investments in Boston. The newlyweds live in Boston's South End.

The June 15, 2002, marriage of Anna Baghdasarian '99 and Greg Sardaryan took place in their hometown city of Yerevan, Armenia, where they celebrated with friends and family. They are living in New Jersey, where Anna works in corporate development for a pharmaceutical firm, and Greg prepares for business school.

On September 7, Kim Diamond '95 and Robert Wittig celebrated their marriage in Baltimore, Md., with ('95 unless noted) Sarah Tuff, Kirtley Horton Cameron, Chris Blundin '94, Ben Barrett '94, Dana Gibson '94, Seth Cameron, Tyler Newton, Kyle Swann, (back) Robyn Harrell, Beth Whitney, Kim Smith, Sarah Copley Barrett, Kristen Renner Swann, Kelly McKeown Gaudet, Anne Walker, Mara Fischbacher Gibson, Anne Seilheimer, Jess Latham, the newlyweds, Alyson Diamond, Erin Sullivan, Jennifer Kuperman Johnson '96, and Mia Johnson Newton.

On September 15, 2001, Hillary Broome '95 and David Hamilton '95 celebrated following their Mead Chapel marriage with ('95 unless noted) Eileen Shaughnessy, Christina Westfall, Parker Croft (history of art and architecture dept.), Glenn Andres (history of art and architecture dept.), the newlyweds, Abhijit Das, Martin Arms, Tory Wells Arms, Mark Podhajsky, Chaplain Laurie Macaulay Jordan '79, and Josh Tyree. Since several friends were absent due to September 11, an informal second ceremony was held at Snoqualmie Falls, where Becky Wendling and Matthew Sweer were present. The Hamiltons live in Los Angeles, where Hillary is an attorney, and David is an architect.

Family and friends gathered in Pittsford, N.Y., to celebrate the June 22 wedding of Emily Hainen '97 and Scott Smith: Andress Beck Pettibone '98, Stephen Pettibone '94, Catherine Herrick '97, William Noto '97, (standing) James Woods '63, James MacKenzie '97, Nick Wilkoff '97, Chris Clark '99, Rebecca Cowgill Wilkoff '97, Katherine Rosin Green '97, Rob Birdsong '97, the newlyweds, Elizabeth Kennedy '97, Michael Hainen '94, Elisabeth Wynn '97, Barbara Oswalt Wynn '67, Ellen McCrary Hainen '94, Ben Rosin '62, and Daniel Drake '97.

Middlebury well-wishers gathered in Sun Valley, Idaho, on July 20, 2002, to celebrate the marriage of Alyson Witmer '97 and Shawn Tierney '97: ('97 unless noted) Laki Rousou, Matt Leidecker '96, Jake Steele '98, Rick Durst, Jeff Wichmann, Elizabeth Beatty Wichmann, Josh Shapiro, Matt Rudnick, Keith Liljegren, Maggie Bittinger Liljegren, Kip Adams, Nick Owsley, Dates Fryberger '63, Bob Rice, Liza Ward, Kate Berry Taylor '95, Lauren Brown '98, Ethan Sluter, Dates Fryberger Jr., Jamee Field, Tim Cron, Jay Tandon, Sarah Ibbotson, Aaron Baggish, Luke Siegfried '95, Jon McCall, Sara Vintiadis McCall, Ryan D'Agostino '96, Michael Stineman '98,and Ted Callahan.

Following their marriage at the Burlington Country Club on July 20, Carrie Foster '95 and Jay Vinson celebrated with Midd friends ('95 unless noted) Loralie Rackleff, Millie Dayton, the newlyweds, Eric Levine, Thomas Zwick, Charlotte Forbes, and Ben Connell '94.

The Mead Chapel marriage of Natasha Causton '96 and Scott Hunsdorfer took place on July 21, 2001. Celebrating at a reception held at Natasha's family home in Shoreham, Vt., were Emilio Nunez '93, Humberto Garcia-Sjogrim '96, Lucie Ide-Garcia '97, Anne Brahic '94, Anne Kohler-Cabot '97, Kelly Turner '96, the newlyweds, Alex Causton '96, Christopher Lyons '98, Christina Pease '96, Jonathan Carver '96, Melissa Morrissey Jattne '96, Emil Jattne '98, Fassil Gebre-Michael '96, and Osam Iyahen '96.

Christy Picard '96 and Jason Dimmig '96 were married on August 10 at her Lake Muskoka home in Ontario, Canada. The Midd crowd included ('96 unless noted) Gabi Belfort, Matt Leidecker, Doug Griffith, Coert Voorhees, Bill Dyer, Scott Morgan, (back) Jon McDonagh '95, Tom Dimmig '73, Trisha Elliott '95, Dave Curry, Eric Foster, Christie Thomsen, Susie Van Buren, Jud Bruzgul '98, the newlyweds, Pera Tory, Jud Bartlett '95, Lindsay Simpson '00, Karen Engler Bartlett '95, Phuket Rubel '98, Bobby Osawa, Chris Loudon, and Ryan Jennings '93.

Celebrating the June 8, 2002, marriage of Sage Russell '73 and Jeffrey Mason in Chevy Chase, Md., were Michael Warner '80, Marilyn Frison Hand '73, Jim Hand '70, the newlyweds, (back row) Joseph Watson (Starr Library), Jay Aronson '73, Keith Oberg '73, Steve Peach '71, Laura Fuller Peach '73, Skip DeVito '72, and Janet Frey DeVito '73.

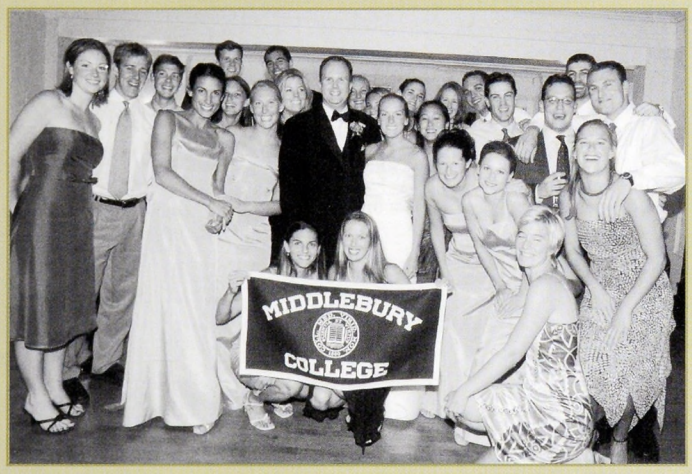
Alison Vreeland '94 and William Douglass were married on June 1, 2002. Celebrating at Eastward Ho! Country Club in Chatham, Mass., were ('94 unless noted) Sarah Hannigan, Pete Carpenter '93, Liz Weems Carpenter, Nancy Hasting Fox, the newlyweds, Katherine Behrens Crosby, Rebecca Eisele Luib, Lori Frohlich Cooper, Darsie White Swanson, and John Swanson '92.

Celebrating the August 23 Mead Chapel wedding of Heidi Ripley '91 and Harry Fowler were (all '91 unless noted) Meredith Neider Rychener, Dawn Dispenza Ray, Michelle Graber Bergland, the newlyweds, Jamie and Deb Groves Ranicar (both '90), and Debbie Walton Collins. Kristin Holsman Francoeur missed the photo.

Annah Heitkamp '00 and Christopher Sullivan '00 were married in Middlebury on June 22, 2002. Joining them for the celebration were ('00 unless noted) Brian Wills, Maya Paul, Sohail Yousufi, Joseph Fioretti, Emily Humphrey, Peter Falcier, Coach Martin Beatty '84, (second row) Mary-Ruth Crawford (Starr Library staff), Jeffrey Byers (biochemistry dept.), Erin Sullivan '04, Kevin Sullivan '04, the newlyweds, Tomas Heitkamp '06, Erin Parker, Michelle Ruth, (back) Stan Pratt (staff), Tabitha Connor '05, James Ackley, Caroline Conor Martone '83, Jennifer LaBrecque, Flavio Bollag, Christopher Delfs, Patrick Kelly, Frank Stewart, and Abraham Butz. Peter Ross '81 missed the photo.

Susan Keller '98 and Lars Whitman were floating on air following their June 9, 2001, marriage at Sugar Hill. Uplifting friends with them in the White Mountains of New Hampshire included ('98 unless noted) Ashley Adams, Phoebe Hausman-Rogers, Laurie Faber, Heather Webb, Kathryn Gordon, Amy Coseo, Suwha Hong, Shannon Macauley, Sarah Nunamaker, Hilary Soule, Dan Bryan, Jon Schoenecker '96, Ashley Twyon '99, and Dave Shea.

Allison Ross '91 and J. Matthew Hanna were married on September 7 in the Washington National Cathedral. Celebrating with them were (front) Scott McLucas '90, Cristina Salas-Porras '91, the newlyweds, Tony Cardoza '91, Michael Chorske '90, (back) Katy Grimes '91, Andre Roberts Koester (Italian '89), Meaghan Dowling Chorske (M.A. English '94), Claudia Cooper Church '91, Amanda Botts Baring '91, Susie Leness Gilbert '91, and David Gilbert '90. Michael Bassett '80 missed the photo.



Emily Evans '99 and David Johnson were married on August 17 at Minikahda Country Club in Minneapolis, Minn. Holding the banner were Elizabeth Huffman '99 and Kristin Borden '99. Backing them up were ('99 unless noted) Martha Alexander, J-P Gowdy, Elizabeth Xanthopoulos, Susan Givens, the newlyweds, Mimi Doggett, Lisa Cote, Carrie Rockey, (back rows) Matt Mithun, Amy Ferenz, Will Peters, Mike Larsen, Tamsin Drummond-Hay, Jenn Scott, Suzy Lopez, Karen Moore, Jeanne Lee, Alison Vratil, Jay Mikula '01, Ethan Mark, Brady Priest, Chris Clark, Josh Silver, and Sarah Cotton.

Midd friends gathering in Gloucester, Mass., following the July 27 marriage of Christine Young '94 and Mike Todd were ('94 unless noted) Alyssa Sveden Sinclair, Neil Sinclair '93, (standing) Liz Leyden, the newlyweds, Jeanne Parker Cahill '52, Tetine Sentell, Julie Jennings Ritchie, and Alan Ritchie with baby Camden Ritchie.

When Lisa Labonte '00 and Adam Crane were married on August 23, they celebrated in Kennebunkport, Me., with ('00 unless noted) Carina Beyer, Lauren Erardi, Amanda O'Keefe, Tom Beyer (Russian dept.), Megan Reilly '99, Jessica Foote '99, Stefanie Beyer '02, Chuck Edwards '98, Matt Potnza, Alyson Cucci '98, Cindy Withington, Rick Miller '99, Kaitrin Roberts, Shani Herzig, Fr. John McDermott, and Kate Barch '98.

Submit your non-returnable wedding photo (hard copy or 300 dpi jpeg), along with caption information, to Middlebury Magazine, Meeker House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

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to their daughter, Stephanie, and her husband, Aaron. Carson Stone King was born September 17 to their son, Michael, and his wife, Brantley. Rita sent a great photo of herself with a grandson in each arm! ✳ **Charlotte Stetson** reports some changes in her life: "I'm enrolled in the Mediation/Conflict Resolution Program at Woodbury College in Montpelier, Vt. It's an excellent program and I love being back at school." ✳ Secretary O'Reilly reports: As a hydrogeologist with CH2M Hill, **Frederick "Fritz" Carlson** travels world wide. He and wife Pat combined business with pleasure on a recent trip to Italy. They enjoy skiing, backpacking, and gardening. Their home in northern California includes some acreage and they are irrigating and planning to raise cattle. Daughter Charlotte is at Middlebury, class of '05. ✳ **Alan Magary** is a freelance writer, editor, and publisher in San Francisco. He's working on "the only thing left" in the world of books, authoring a novel of his own, set in the time of Henry VII. Alan was involved in travel writing for many years, but now spends his free time exploring San Francisco. ✳ **Gordon McAleer**, president and CEO of Lewistown Hospital in Lewistown, Pa., reports that his hospital was recently named to the top 100 hospitals among the 5,300 hospitals in the nation. This recognition places Lewistown Hospital among the top three percent of the nation's hospitals. Moreover, for three years in a row, Gordon has been named among the top 100 business CEOs in central Pennsylvania by the *Pennsylvania Business Journal*. Gordon reports that his biggest thrill this year was the arrival of his third grandchild, Camilla Bay McAleer on October 25. She's the daughter of Gordon's son Art '90 and his wife, Annette. Gordon says: "There's nothing like grandparenting."

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The women of '67 enjoyed their annual retreat in August. Gathering in Pittsford, Vt., were **Marion Boultbee, Kathy Towle Hession, Wendy Gustafson Malnati, Gert Jones Como, Freddie Mahlmann, Sue Rugg Parmenter, Helen Martin Whyte**, and **Susie Davis Patterson**. (View photo in E-News section of Middlebury Alumni Online Community at www.middleburyalumni.org.) ✳ **Tom** and Ginny Callan '68 **Sheldon** report: "Our two older sons have given us four granddaughters (Mackenzie and Mia, Zavi and Anya) and our youngest, Matt '98, was married in October. Our main adventure of late has been designing a home, which is being built for us in Williamstown, Mass." ✳ **Jonathan Berger** continues to write *The Canoe Atlas of the Little North*. ✳ **Kaaren Wishinski Hulbert** is "not quite ready for retirement yet," while teaching elementary school in Davis, Calif. "Always enjoy getting back to Vermont in the summers!"

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Congratulations to our former goalie, **Ron DeGregorio**, who recently received a 2003 Lester Patrick Award for outstanding service to hockey in the U.S. Ron has been involved in the sport of hockey for more than 40 years as a player, coach, administrator, and team owner. He has been with USA Hockey since 1973 and currently serves as VP and chair of the USA Hockey International Council. ✳ **Steven Amster** recently "returned from military deployment on Operation Joint Force with SFOR XI to Eagle Base, near Tuzla, Bosnia, March to September 2002. Attained instrument rating to private pilot certificate before departing for Bosnia. Planning for active retirement after leaving military active duty for fourth time on November 3." ✳ In January 2002, **Betty Austin Page** was named one of Computer World's premier 100 IT leaders. Since retiring from a Texaco/Shell joint venture in April 2002, Betty has been spending time with her twin granddaughters (4) and traveling: "A month in Australia was the highlight of the year." ✳ **Jim Trombeta** was teaching a seminar on Shakespeare for Screenwriters at UCLA Extension on March 1. ✳ **Jeffrey Herre** is "looking forward to retirement in 2003, after 30 years with the CIA, the last six years detailed to the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. For the last three years I have been an instructor and course developer for the National Geospatial Intelligence School." ✳ No retirement in sight for **Sharon Smith**: "I keep swimming upstream—an old habit. Having raised one very bright daughter and one who has a genetic deletion syndrome, complete with non-verbal learning disabilities and psychosis, I got interested in what goes on inside and outside brains. So while sensible people are retiring, I'm spending this year in Cambridge, Mass., as a clinical fellow in neuropsychology at Harvard Medical School. VERY challenging, especially the behavioral neurology part. My husband and I take turns doing the central Maine-to-Cambridge commute every weekend. I'm learning a lot, and hope to bring some expertise home to serve rural families in my adopted state. But oh, gosh, I wish I were 30 years younger." ✳ **Carol J Wikstrand** will miss reunion, because she is a program organizer for the 15th International Brain Tumor Research Symposium in Sorrento May 24-27: "So I am being forced to spend several days in Sorrento. It's a nasty job, but someone has to do it. As Jim can also arrange business in Italy at the same time, we're going to visit friends in Rome and Glasgow as well." Carol reports that the Brain Tumor Clinic at Duke was featured for 40 minutes on an episode of CBS *60 Minutes* last May: "While it heavily featured the two primary clinicians, yours truly had her 15 nanoseconds of fame when I was featured looking through a double-headed scope with our consulting neuropathologist! I am fortunate in that monoclonal antibodies, which we first started isolating in 1980, and all their engineered derivatives since, are now in clinical trial; we are seeing meaningful extension of good quality survival in patients with the most aggressive form of high-grade glioma, glioblastoma multiforme, and are continually pursuing new approaches. No one in this business talks of cure, but brain tumors are now a truly treatable disease." Carol and Jim are now certified captains and she's hoping to take early retirement in a couple of years so they can go live on a sailboat in the Caribbean. Son Josh is an architect, planning to go back to grad school soon. She closes: "I will very much miss seeing y'all—maybe at the 40th?"

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It is with great sadness that we must report the death of **Nancy Tillinghast Shaw** on November 25, after a courageous struggle with metastasized breast cancer. Our condolences to her husband, Sandy '67, and to all the family. ✳ The alumni association of Salisbury Univ. recently presented **Keith Conners** with its faculty appreciation award. As a prof. of education and former dean of the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies, Keith has been instrumental in implementing a partnership between the university and Worcester County public schools. He has taught there since 1976. ✳ **Terry** and **Susan Mallon Ross** wrote from Gouverneur, N.Y., where Terry is still teaching at the high school and head of the science department. Susan is enjoying her first sabbatical from teaching at SUNY Potsdam, where she is assoc. prof. of the English and communication department and director of the Learning and Teaching Excellence Center. Son Kelly teaches science at Warwick (N.Y.) High School; son Casey is a reporter for the Quincy (Mass.) *Patriot-Ledger*. ✳ It was great to hear from **Kurt Heinzelman** recently: "Every 30 years or so one should make a career move, no? Having just finished a four-year stint as director of Graduate Studies and almost 25 years teaching at the Univ. of Texas, I've moved about 50 yards away from the English department to something administratively quite different: executive curator at one of the major research libraries in the world, the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center. Yesterday I was holding an unpublished fragment of a Walt Whitman poem in my (gloved) hand, full of awe, again, at why I got into the study of literature in the first place." Kurt hasn't been back to Vermont since moving to Texas in the mid-1980s, but his brother recently visited Midd with his daughter, and he reported that "Middlebury was the most beautiful college campus he'd ever seen."

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It was great to hear from **Brian O'Reilly**, who spent his freshman year at Middlebury, his sophomore and junior years at the Univ. of Colo., and returned to Midd for his senior year: "After graduation from Middlebury, I attended the Univ. of Denver College of Law with **Bob Jocelyn,** and, my senior year, **J. T. Fey** lived with me for a few months, prior to going on to graduate school at the Univ. of Utah. I moved to Vail the same day the bar exam ended in March 1974. It's been a tough life here for the last 28 years, what with the demands of golf, road and mountain biking, skiing, and a short stint as a commercial river-rafting guide years ago. Unfortunately, I am having back surgery for the second Christmas in a row, but I will be helped out by my mother and by my brother, Mark '66, who lives in Breckinridge. Haven't seen any classmates except for occasionally running into Bob Jocelyn, and J. T. Fey comes to Vail once or twice a year." ✳ Still working for J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. in NYC, **Bill Wallace** reports: "I'll celebrate my 30th year in the investment banking business in 2004. And, importantly, I'm still having fun. My wife, Suzanne, and I, celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary in 2002. Son Bill (22) will graduate from SUNY Westchester in May, and daughter Amanda (20) is a sophomore at Brown Univ." ✳ **Jim Hand** continues to work with brother John, running the business they started in Manchester

Center, Vt. "We sell and service Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, and VW automobiles. Things have gone well and we plan to expand again in 2003." Jim and wife Marilyn Frison Hand '73, an attorney in Manchester, live in the neighboring town of Dorset. Son Thomas is a very happy freshman at Middlebury. Son Jamie is a junior at Burr & Burton Academy in Manchester, just starting the college process. Daughter Elizabeth is a sophomore at Deerfield Academy. Two years ago, the Hand family hiked the Inca trail to Machu Pichu in Peru. Last year they skied in the Italian and Swiss Alps with Dick Crumb's ('69) family. This year they were planning a trip to Eurney, a small ski area in British Columbia. ✳**Constance Brittain Bouchard** became distinguished professor of medieval history at the Univ. of Akron last year. Her most recent scholarly book, *Those of My Blood: Constructing Noble Families in Medieval Francia*, won the Ohio Academy of History prize as best book by an Ohio author. This year she writes, "I'm spending my sabbatical at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, working on a new project on how medieval people conceptualized their own past." ✳ **Nancy G. Heller** has been in the throes of new-book-promotion, giving guest lectures and signing tomes. The object of all this frenzy is entitled *Why a Painting is Like a Pizza: A Guide to Understanding and Enjoying Modern Art*, published in November 2002. (For more, see page 47). Nancy has also started studying tap dance: "53 might seem a bit late to commence such a challenging endeavor, but the teacher is 75." Nancy figures that, since she waited 'til age 35 to start Spanish dance, "this was the ideal time to branch out into other terpsichorean directions."

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Members of our class continue to distinguish themselves in varied fields, to take on new challenges, and to provide new and surprising insights. ✳In January, **Stephen Kerr** of Hinesburg, Vt., was named Vermont's Commissioner of Agriculture by newly sworn in Governor Jim Douglas '72. The *Burlington Free Press* reports that Governor Douglas's first goal is to ask the legislature to make Stephen's post a cabinet-level office, giving his office credibility with agriculture secretaries around the nation. Vermont's farmers are squeezed by milk prices that remain stuck at 30-year-old levels, hefty property tax bills, and pressure from developers to purchase family farms that are no longer profitable. Stephen and Jim agreed to "put our best Middlebury educations to work" to give Vermont farmers high priority in the coming administration. ✳**Joan Kerrigan** is a Horizons program grant writer at her daughter's school, the Maret School, in Washington, D.C. Providing a six-week summer academic enrichment program for students from inner city schools, the program was founded in New Canaan, Conn., and has spread around the nation. ✳In Topsham, Maine, **Natasha Kempers-Cullen** held a very successful "Open Studio" weekend to acquaint local residents with her art work. Natasha creates art quilts in a collage technique, using fabrics she hand paints and prints. She has exhibited, taught, and sold her work nationally. Her piece *Joie de Vivre* is on exhibit in the permanent collections gallery in the Renwick Gallery at the Smithsonian, through June. Go see it! ✳By the time you read these notes, **Jane Sexton Hemmingsen**'s new Web site should be up at jshhandwoven.com. Jane writes from Hollis, N.H.: "Weaving is both a hobby and an incredible therapy for me. My sister-in-law, Daria, has done a lot of work building the site. Hope you get a chance to view it!" ✳In Washington, **Martha McCravey** and **Alan Wood** "are empty nesters," with twins in ninth grade at Exeter and their two oldest at Middlebury (Gillian '03 and Gabriel '06): "We go back to the East Coast several times a year to visit them all. Last fall, we drove all over New England watching soccer games. We continue to work at our medical careers, but are having less fun. The health-care arena is such a mess and very frustrating for physicians. We still love the Northwest, but the East Coast may eventually be our resting place if all our children end up there." ✳**Anne Yerpe Kavcic** and retired husband Boris have been on the go: "During our Stateside trip we did some traveling in the South and visited 'our' Indians near Pensacola (we are honorary members of the Creek, or Muscogee, Indian tribe down there). We also brought back a lot of books. Mystery and science fiction are standards, others we get from the libraries here in Switzerland. I hope you don't ask us to pick a favorite book. We would have to send a list of authors! We also finally got to Weimar to visit a lady, whom I met in 1972 on a trip there. We have been in contact for 30 years but have seen each other only once. Bill Collins '72 was in Switzerland for a recent conference and stopped by for two days. Boy did we have catching up to do after some 25 years! We still keep busy with music, English carol choir and church choir for both of us, and medieval choir and harpsichord lessons for me. I look forward to reading 'our' column every issue, although due to overseas mail it arrives a season later than in the States!" ✳Do continue to send your news to your class secretary. The activities, achievements, and insights of my fellow classmates inspire and encourage me each time I gather information for this column. We are truly an eclectic, interesting, and dynamic group of individuals!

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Stephen Kerr of Hinesburg, Vt., was named Vermont's Commissioner of Agriculture

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Jeanne E. Peters reports a "first trip to Egypt last summer on assignment for *National Geographic* magazine. Check the photo in the January 2003 issue." ✳**Sandra Wagers Meditz** is "delighted to renew a close association with Middlebury as a parent. My son, Alex, is in the class of 2005! 'Club Midd' is even more fun the second time around." ✳**Jenny Tippens Dickinson** writes: "I was very disappointed to miss our reunion, but I was in the middle of divorce proceedings. My daughter, Alice, all the dogs and cats, and I moved to an apartment in East Providence last spring. Alice is at Tulane and loving it. Despite the upheaval of moving, I have been able to continue in my sport. My golden retriever recently completed his companion dog excellent obedience title with three first-place finishes. This qualified us for the open class in the AKC All-Star Tournament in December. If obedience ever makes it onto Animal Planet, we'll be there!" Jenny would love to hear from classmates at mydogtrainerjd@aol.com.

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Coming out this March from Yale University Press is **Jim Morone**'s new book, *Hellfire Nation: The Politics of Sin in American History*. He says "it's a history of sin with lots of pictures" and swears on his "Murray Dry lecture notes that he will never write another book that tries to cover all American history." As president of the New England Political Science Assoc. this year, Jim says his goal is simple: "to try not to crash the organization while I'm driving." Jim and I had a great time reconnecting at our 25th and have kept in touch off and on since then. Hopefully Jim will bring even more of his new standup material to the 30th. ✳**Peter Lewis** is head of school at the Kew-Forest School, a K-12 independent school in Forest Hills, N.Y. His older children (26 and 23) live in California, where he lived until summer 2000. He has a granddaughter, who is 2, and his kids still at home are 16, 12, and 6. "I'm done!" ✳**Kate Holland** writes: "Despite terrorist threats and sniper attacks, Jim Lynch and I have been enjoying life in northern Virginia with our three children, Hannah, (13), Anthony (9), and Olivia (6)." ✳**Dave** and **Nancy Piskor Twichell** are living just outside Las Vegas for a year, while Dave works on Lake Mead. ✳**Sallie Sprague** is loving the sunshine again after almost 10 years in the Pacific Northwest. She moved back to Colorado in 2001 and found a job as project manager for the Shortgrass Steppe Long Term Ecological Research program at Colo. State Univ. She danced in the Rocky Mountain Revels in December 2001 and 2002, despite knee surgery in May 2002. ✳**John Bell**, of North Cambridge, Mass., is an assistant prof. of performing arts at Emerson College. He and wife Trudi Cohen are part of Great Small Works, a theater group based in New York. Together with son Isaac (11), they have been performing a toy theater show, *Three Books in the Garden*, about cultural tolerance among Muslims, Jews, and Christians in medieval Spain. Last year, a Great Small Works show John directed, *A Mammal's Notebook: The Erik Satie Cabaret*, premiered at La MaMa Theater in New York. ✳**Christine Yano** recently celebrated the publication of her book, *Tears of Longing: Nostalgia and the Nation in Japanese Popular Song*, published by Harvard University Asia Center. Christine is associate prof. of anthropology at the Univ. of Hawaii. ✳The spring 2002 graduation of **Ginny Lambe Guaraldi**'s daughter, Kitt, was a multigenerational affair, including Kitt '02, Ginny '73, and Ginny's mother, Catharine Cadbury Lambe '44. ✳Joanne and **Hugh Barber** recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. Son Jared, a high school senior, is looking at colleges in New England where he can study business and stay active in skiing and golf. Son Jon is a high school

freshman, active in football, basketball, and baseball. In 1998, Hugh left a 20-year career in banking to become business manager for an engineering firm in Brattleboro. Joanne is a paraprofessional in a local elementary school and a property manager for a downtown commercial block. They're hoping to see a lot of classmates at the reunion! *Sharon and **Tom Shea** became empty nesters last fall, when their daughter entered New England College; their son is a junior at Wheaton. Tom recently transferred from Ernst & Young in NYC back to Boston. They renovated and moved into a condo on Commonwealth Avenue, "trading a two-acre 'money pit' in Weston, Conn., for a maintenance free, front row seat on 'The Best of Boston!'" They can be reached at thomas.shea@ey.com. Tom joined our 30th reunion committee and had a terrific visit to Middlebury and the Bread Loaf campus last fall. He reports: "Our small liberal arts college is as beautiful as ever, and has become world-class in many ways. President McCardell's vision for Middlebury balances idealism with pragmatism. We found that reconnecting with classmates and sharing life experiences with them and their spouses/significant others at this juncture in life is low key and very enjoyable. I urge all of you to join us this coming June 6-8."
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Ned Duffy e-mailed from Charlotte, N.C., where he works as a consultant to banks on risk management issues. Ned also runs personnel training programs, is a public speaker in the struggle against domestic violence, and still sings Barbershop. Ned has spent most of his post-Middlebury life in commercial banking. He briefly operated his own business brokerage company. Living in Vermont for a while, he was instrumental in helping recover assets at Green Mountain Bank (Rutland) and Merchants Bank (Burlington), working with Zoe Peterson Erdman '78 and **Kevin Candon** in the process. Ned has two grown daughters, a son (15) who is now flying airplanes, and a granddaughter (2). He also did the big five-oh last summer: "Life is good, generally." Ned misses the folks that made WRMC-FM what it was in our day. "Where is **Richard Hirsh**? **Rick Burkhardt**? **Flash Freundlich**? Do you remember Ms. Morning, whom we all see on CNN now? **Jeanne Meserve** was a good friend, too. Frank Sesno '77 is all over the tube. We had a good crew there. Chris Graff '75 and Jim Douglas '72 come to mind, too. Peter Temple '72 was one of the best engineers. **Chris Brown**, also. Ang Petto '72. How about Brian Collamore '72 and Dick Bayer '73 and all those hockey games? We all had fun and many went on to careers in broadcasting. **Nick Bogert** has been a staple in Miami." Ned credits WRMC with a brief stint he did at WDST in Woodstock, N.Y., in the '80s and feels that his current public speaking comes from his radio training. *__Paul Graef__, who has lived in Las Vegas for over a year, promises "NO MORE MOVES." He stays busy as a software consultant. "When I was in Madrid junior year, one of the festivals I had the opportunity to experience was Las Fallas de Valencia. It was such a stunning event, I had always wanted to return. Well, last year, almost 30 years later, I finally went back with my partner. The festival itself was just as wild and fantastic as I remembered, though a few things had changed. The old paper mache structures had been replaced by sculpted Styrofoam, and the all-night street parties had been updated with mobile discos, but the overall sensory impact was still just short of overload. The statues were just as witty and crazy as ever, and the fireworks still spectacular. It was well worth the wait." *__Amy Beth Wapner Moriarty__ has a senior at Midd! Jacob Studenroth '03 is a member of D-8, a double major in history and theatre, and is still loving Middlebury. His sister, Jenny Rebecca, was joining him as a Feb freshman this winter. Her ninth grader is also thinking about Middlebury. *__Susan Winter__ writes that she is attending Bangor Theological Seminary and is the pastor of a small community church in Bremen, Maine. "I live with my father, who keeps alive and well at age 87 by driving his red 1965 MGB every day!" *__Gretchen Amussen__ e-mailed from her home in Paris. "__Eileen Rockefeller Growald, Carla Hall__, and __Anne Duvivier__ came to Paris last October to help celebrate my 50th birthday. Three other women friends came from the U.S., as did a Dutch friend, and I was thrilled to bring my European and American worlds together. __Ariane Bailey__, who lives in Paris, joined in the fun as well. Among the highlights were picnicking in the Luxembourg Gardens, buying fabulous hats, and then going to Longchamp to the horse races to see more hats! Then later this fall, while attending a conference organized by a Japanese Foundation in Tokyo, the group went to visit Keio University, where Lynn Thiesmeyer gave a presentation! It was a delight to see her and to learn all the amazing programs she has developed in Southeast Asia over the last few years. In between, I saw Eileen and Carla and their families again in Venice, where Eileen had organized a Thanksgiving get-together! It has been a year of wonderful, joyous reunions and adventures."
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Janet Stanford, artistic director of Imagination Stage, reports that the company is opening a wonderful new arts center in Bethesda this spring: "Imagination Stage is a professional theatre for young people and a theatre arts school for kids under 18. To check out this new resource for young people in the region, go to the Web site at www.imaginationstage.org."
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Secretary Shapiro reports: One of the beauties of a rotating class secretary system is that each remembers different college friends and acquaintances whom we've wondered about over the years, and now have the opportunity to contact. My sense is that it's affirming to learn that classmates are scattered across the country, pursuing careers, tending families, and living full lives, even in the midst of unsettling world events. Besides, it's great fun getting in touch with folks out of the blue. To that end, I e-mailed my freshman roommate, **Jackie Mok**, who shared one very small space with me in Battell Hall and lived to tell about it. She writes: "Are we really coming up on 30 years since we started that freshman-year adventure in the Green Mountains of Vermont?! It seems like only yesterday. I'm now in the sixth year of desert living in Tucson, working at the Univ. of Ariz. as associate dean in the College of Fine Arts. The journey from music teacher to Foreign Service officer to arts administrator to university administrator has been unpredictable: nine cities, three continents, lots of adventures and fun. *Engineer **Joe Ewing** is still enjoying Seattle with wife Kim and daughters Elizabeth (7) and Phoebe (4)—braces, goldfish, training wheels, cat's cradle, writing cursive, tying shoelaces, ballet, *Goodnight Moon*, tangle-free shampoo, Polly dolls, colored pencils. Joe volunteers at his daughter's school, "where I am starting to be known as 'Mr. Science' to the second grade." Joe enjoys his work, "with enough professional and technical challenges to keep me entertained and not too stressed. Same for Kim in her teaching. We"ve taken some trips, done cross-country skiing, hiking, and the like. But, oh, where does the time go?" *In Greenwich, Conn., **Garrett Moran** has been appointed president and senior principal of MMC Capital, Inc., the private equity investment subsidiary of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. Garrett spent 19 years at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette (DLJ) and, following DLJ's acquisition by Credit Suisse First Boston (CSFB) in 2000, he was co-head of the investment banking integration effort and was briefly the head of CSFB's private equity division. *Judging by his breathless summary of life since graduation, **Bill Tuthill** appears to be white water boating through life. In 1979, he received his M.A. in comparative literature from UC Berkeley. After that, it's been an action-packed roster of California milestones: high-tech career changes interspersed with the 1989 earthquake, wild fires, and the births of daughters Sarah and Laura. Most recently, Bill, who lives in Mountain View, took a job as a technical writer at a dot.com startup and happily reports that as of 2003, he's "not yet bankrupt." Bill also started http://creekin.net, a guide for California boating that's worth a peek, even for nonboaters. *__Jim Sterngold__ checked in from Los Angeles: "After aggressively and happily focusing on my journalism career at the *New York Times* for 18 years, I put family ahead of work in 2002, happily so. I had been a correspondent with the *Times* for a while, first in Tokyo and then in Los Angeles, and, as happens from time to time, they asked me to rotate back to New York. I'm now a single dad with two great kids, Marina and Sammy. They are settled and thriving here, and I decided to remain. So I took a newly created position as national correspondent with the *San Francisco Chronicle* over the summer, which keeps me based in L.A. and in the thick of news events. I continue to write about politics and other issues of national interest, such as national security, health care, and social issues. My kids and our dog, Eddie, are pleased."
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Ellen Bedichek remains very busy, while "trying to strike the right balance between my first priority—which is raising children Stephen (10), Elizabeth (7), and John Kelley (3)—and my second priority: my work as a nephrologist here in Richmond, Va. My husband, Mike Kelley, the kids and I have had some great little trips and in general life is very good." *__Josephine Kennedy Ottman__ is still in Princeton, "happily consulting to financial sources, publishing, and nonprofit organizations with two partners. Family is happy and healthy. Oldest nephew Bill has his eyes on Middlebury. We're

keeping our fingers crossed!" ✳ A television project created and reported by **Frank Sesno** aired in November on the History Channel as a two-hour documentary, "Ronald Reagan: A Legacy Remembered." Frank reports that he gained unprecedented access to those who knew Reagan best and worked with him most closely. He spoke with Nancy Reagan and other family members, former Soviet leader Gorbachev, both Presidents Bush, Michael Deaver, James Baker, and others. The film featured some very personal and insightful stories. Frank's comments: "The whole experience was truly incredible—terrific access, depth and perspective. I am thrilled to have done this."
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We are saddened to report the death of **Andy Harrison** in November. Andy had most recently been living in Chicago. He is remembered as a great friend who had a love for games and practical jokes. Many will remember the time when Andy set out to break the record for the longest shower ever taken. He established himself in the men's bathroom, decked out in shower cap, swim trunks and goggles. He danced, sang, joked and slept in the shower for over 24 hours as we all paraded through to watch! Andy was also someone who was gentle and generous to others. For the past 10 years he devoted much of his free time to caring for sick and recovering children in the pediatric wing of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Andy will be greatly missed by all of us. ✳ **Janet Kellam** is director and lead forecaster for the Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center, part of the network of avalanche centers throughout the U.S. ✳ **Ellen Hall Adams** is living in Lake Oswego, Ore. "We're happy here. Mountains are bigger, rivers wilder, and you can ski and play golf all year!" Son Kieran (8) is in third grade in Oregon; son Cameron Brookes (15) is ski racing at Green Mountain Valley School in Vermont. ✳ **Katrina Kassler Waters** lives in Lexington, Mass., with her architect husband, Michael, and their two sons (9 and 11). She writes: "I work part time developing environmental science curricula for local schools. We still do a lot of backcountry trips with friends and family—the kids love it." ✳ **James Alsina**: "After 20 mainly wonderful years at Kodak in the U.S. and abroad, I completed an executive MBA at Cornell in May 2002. I am now establishing an independent consultancy specializing in female- and minority-led start-ups and turnarounds. This will allow more time for high school, Midd, and Cornell friends." ✳ **Stuart Mackintosh** writes that "all is well in New York. We (Mary and our three boys—13, 8, and 5) spent the holidays skiing in Canada," after which Stuart's family headed back east to Stowe, Vt., to stay with stepbrother Michael Parker '79 and ski with classmate Jeff Berry. Stowe was also a popular holiday destination for old friends **Greg Wheeler** and **Mark Smith**. ✳ Congratulations to **Lee Campbell** on the arrival of second child Frederic David Campbell on February 10, 2002. ✳ "Moving from Boston to Little Compton, R.I., was the best thing we've done!" reports **Missy DeSalvo Berg**. "Now I'm part-time everything: soccer mom, coach, teacher, community caretaker, beachcomber, etc." ✳ **Matt Johnson** reports: "Raising two sons and a yellow lab in Maine, practicing psychiatry in Portland, and skiing whenever we can." ✳ Enjoying life in the Finger Lakes Region of central New York State, **Maureen Hays-Mitchell** is a prof. of geography at Colgate Univ. "My two young boys enjoy their lives at school, skiing in the winter, and sailing in the summer. We all hope to be at reunion in June." ✳ **Diana Munger Hechler** is "still happily living in Larchmont, N.Y., and happily watching my travel company take off. Caught up with **Cori Josias** in London last year and participated in an amazing mini reunion in Newport last summer, hosted by **Chip Callaghan**. On to reunion!" ✳ Be sure to mark your ballot at reunion for electing new class secretaries. Your present crew has enjoyed our shift, but we want to share the fun. See you June 6–8!
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Congratulations to **Anne Barney**, whose poetry collection *Nosegay* won the Red Wheel Barrow Award. Awarded annually to a member of the National Association for Poetry Therapy, the Red Wheel Barrow Award recognizes artistic merit and a work's ability to convey the difficulties inherent in human life. *Nosegay*, Ann's third book, was published in fall 2002 by Pudding House Publications, a successful small-press publisher that frequently publishes "applied poetry," including poetry therapy, poetry in education, poetry in the workplace, and what the publisher calls "poetry applied to the times of our lives." Ann's first book, *Stolen Joy: Healing after Infertility and Infant Loss*, was published in 1993, while her second, *Pinned to the Corkboard*, came out in 2000. Ann and her husband live in Ellicott City, Md. She keeps in touch with **Jeff** and Terri **Anderholm**, who got quite a tour of Baltimore when they visited last March. "We showed them just how weird Baltimore can be," Ann writes, "including a performance by the Tinklers, shufflebowling, a bull and oyster roast, and a showing of John Walters's *Pink Flamingos*." ✳ **Peggy Rice Hodgkins** was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1996, after completing a master's of divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary in NYC. She serves as associate rector at Trinity Church in Princeton, N.J., where she lives with husband Robin and their three teenagers. ✳ After 19 years of practicing law, **Mark NeJame** has established his own firm as a sole practitioner in Springfield, Mass., where he specializes in real estate and business law and estate planning. Mark received his J.D. from Suffolk Univ. Law School in 1983. After a few years of commuting into Boston, Mark and wife Julie Kling moved to Massachusetts' Pioneer Valley in 1985. They've lived in Florence, Mass., since 1987. Julie and Mark have two children, Elias (9) and Robey (5). Mark has been very involved in local government, serving on the Conservation Commission for five years, the Planning Board for five years and five years as the chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He recently left the ZBA to join the board of the Northampton Little League. Mark also teaches business law at American International College and has received the Faculty of the Year Award from American's School of Continuing Education. ✳ **Scott Geiger** writes: "We now have two NESCAC kids, Dan (Hamilton '04) and Sarah (Trinity '05), followed by Cate (14) and Taylor (9)." Scott is coaching youth football and president-owner of Geiger Company in Darien, Conn.

The Annual Bay Head, N.J., Beach and Golf Tourney weekend brought together 1982s Mark Altneyer, Tim Armour, Jeff Legro, and Mac Thomas, and quite a collection of children. Nina Ritter missed the photo.

"Hopefully 25th Reunion won't conflict with our first college graduation. Best to all."
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Chris and **Linda Cushing McInerney** have lived in Deerfield, Mass., for 17 years. Their sons (14 and 12) go to the middle school where Linda teaches theatre and directing and works in development and publications. She runs a theatre in the summer, where she acts, directs and produces plays. She's currently working on *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Linda co-wrote the libretto for a new opera, composed by Paula Kimper, called *The Captivation of Eunice*, based on the story of a girl who was kidnapped by Native Americans from Deerfield in 1704 and chose to live her life among the Indians in Canada. She just received an opera grant to produce the piece. The opera will be offered in workshop form in November, staged next February, and fully produced in July '04 in Deerfield. Chris recently bought his own company, based in Florida. Although he has a tough commute (!), he's home on weekends, and the entire family is involved in the Deerfield community. ✳ **Kimberly Sabrina Winick** is "still enjoying year-round gardening, bike riding, and just hanging out in southern California with my husband and three cats. Still practicing corporate bankruptcy law at Mayer, Brown, Rowe, and Maw. Hope to perfect it one of these days so I can join Larry in retirement!" ✳ **Catharine Fergus Garber** writes that she "hooked up with **Karen Eckrich Tyler**, her husband Cameron '82, and their four children at Lake Tahoe last summer. I'm still doing architecture. My husband has joined my firm and we are growing. We especially like doing elaborate vacation homes at top ski areas that require frequent construction observations." ✳ **Robin Howe Townsend**, of Signal Mountain, Tenn., has been painting since age 40 and finds the process to be similar to yoga (which she teaches) in that she "can easily get lost in the moment." She explored a number of crafts and designed quilts for many years before taking up painting. She was recently the featured artist at Bill Shores Frames and Gallery. ✳ To check out the photo of your classmates who came back for homecoming, turn to the E-News section of Middlebury Alumni Online Community at www.middleburyalumni.org.
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Stu Richards and wife Alice Bredin were busy buying a house in Cambridge, Mass., in June 2002, and were therefore unable to attend the 20th Reunion. They're enjoying life in the Boston area with son Aidan. Stu was looking forward to gathering with **Dave Richardson, Keith McCurdy, Steve Burton, Don Walker, Peter Campbell, Charlie Robinson, Ari Fleischer**, and **Caleb Rick** for a March ski weekend at Killington, hosted by **Kris Hanson**. ✳ **Jeff Clarke** is enjoying his work as the director of administration at the Rasmuson Foundation, a charitable foundation in Anchorage, Alaska. Jeff came back for the 20th Reunion and had a great time catching up with everyone. ✳ Due to good press coverage, news has arrived of the marriage of Rebecca Davis and **Ari Fleischer**. They were married at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis on November 9. ✳ Congratulations also to **Dave Buchanan** and wife Jill, who welcomed new daughter Cara in December, 2002. They live in Beverly, Mass. ✳ **Andrew Wilson** enjoyed having breakfast with **David Fiore** on a recent business trip to D.C. In central Pennsylvania, he regularly sees **Andy Kleit, Malcolm Woollen**, and **Frank Lambert**. ✳ **Doug Woodsum** is living in Waterville, Maine, while taking a year off from his regular teaching position at Messalonskee High School in Oakland, Me. He's taking courses at Colby and is also offering a gifted and talented creative writing class for students from four high schools in the Waterville area. ✳ **John Stahl** is teaching and coaching at the Peddie School. He hosted **Jim Ralph** for a visit during MLK weekend. Jim was at Peddie to give a talk and to debate the likelihood of SU reaching this year's NCAA final four. ✳ **John "RJ" Hake** and wife Susan Carroll are enjoying life in Oakland, Calif., with son Jackson, aka "Jack," who turned six months old on Christmas. ✳ **Mark Altmeyer, Tim Armour, Jeff Legro,** and **Mac Thomas** got together with their numerous children for their annual beach and golf tourney weekend gathering, hosted by the Ritter-Armours in Bay Head, N.J. Check out the great photo in the E-News section of Middlebury Alumni Online Community at www.middleburyalumni.org.

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Lesley Woodberry Robinson reports that her family recently moved to Istanbul, Turkey: "I am at home with four kids under the age of six. We are fortunate to have a beautiful home overlooking the Bosphorus and we are enjoying this exotic country." ✳ **Patrice L. Binaisa** sends greetings to all who knew him at Middlebury, at the School in Spain, and in the Spanish and French Summer Language Schools. He writes that his "new language craze" is Mandarin Chinese. and he is teaching English at the Tian Jiabing Experimental Senior Middle School of Liuyang, Hunan Province, People's Republic of China. He is also a newly admitted law student in the University of London's External LLB Programme. ✳ While **Jenny Merrick Vecchio** is at home raising daughters Sabine (11) and Alexis (9), **Gerard Vecchio** has celebrated his 10th anniversary at Conning Capital Partners, a venture capital fund focused on financial services and health care. ✳ Busy **Jen Baker Warren** "created a study abroad program with some friends, Passage Project for International Education, and I am the admissions director. Went back to full-time teaching kindergarten at Phoenix's Waldorf School, have three kids, one of whom is a sophomore and taller than me. If time, I squeeze in yoga and just joined a women's rugby team." ✳ "Living just up the road in New Haven, Vt., **Susan Carpenter Vigne** is co-director of Aurora School, a small independent elementary school founded in Middlebury in 1996. ✳ Here is news from **Bruce Chase**: "Our move to Vermont was part destiny and part planning. I've been in the corporate sales and advertising world for the past 20 years. I never dropped my Spanish and had the opportunity to use it consulting when I returned to school at age 34 to get my MBA. Since '96 I was commuting two hours each way to NYC in advertising. Not a horrendous life, but certainly not the time I would have wanted, as we now have four little ones—Harrison (10), Annie (9), Muriel (6), and Samantha (3). Anyhow, September 11 of 2001 I turned 40. Needless to say, that experience in the city was only part of a fall when we lost many family members to accidents, illness, etc. Finally, at the end of October I was fired from the small consulting group I had joined four months earlier. Seems that the group was not as financially sound as previously thought. When I returned home, Heather (my wife) and I decided to go to a small town to raise the family and get back to doing the things we love. To make a long story short, we found the home we always dreamed of in Chester, Vt., a great life for the kids, teaching that I love (Spanish at Vermont Academy) and Heather continues to run her own business." ✳ **Sarah Eitzman** has two children, daughter Abigail (8) and son Daniel (5). Sarah is a pediatrician at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, Calif. ✳ **Scott Bogan** looks forward to bringing wife Lisa and son Doug (11) to our 20th Reunion. He reports "great snow and skiing are highlights this winter." ✳ Scott and **Carey MacFarland Lennox** welcomed son Scott MacFarland Lennox, aka Mac, on October 27, 2001. Carey writes: "I've had the chance to visit with **Kim Kiner** a few times recently when she is in Chicago on business. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion in June!"

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Because of the drought in Alberta last summer, Rick and **Johanna Glover Wasylik** had to sell their cattle in July. "It was a very difficult decision, especially since Rick started the herd when he was 15, but there just wasn't any pasture or hay and we decided to make the best of the situation by planning a sabbatical/adventure of sorts, since we won't have to be around to feed cattle over the winter." Last November, Rick and Johanna and children Charlotte (5), Nicholas (3.5), and Alexander (2) were off for six months to Nevis in the West Indies, where Johanna's parents have a house: "We are all excited at the prospect of getting to spend more time with my family, not to mention living in the tropics for half a year. Rick, who is also a carpenter, and Nicholas, his more-than-willing apprentice, will be busy building a guest house; Charlotte will attend Caribbean kindergarten; and Alexander and I will enjoy gardening and the pool. We also hope to travel around to some of the different islands, on our own and with my parents. It will be quite a change, and we are going to make the most of it! And hopefully, when we return home next summer, the rain will be back as well." ✳ **Anne Burdeshaw Shrout** has moved to Clarksville, Tenn., with husband Joe, and kids Elizabeth, Maddie, and Katie. Anne writes: "I have ETS'd from the army and am finally a civilian. I still love practicing obstetrics and gynecology. Home life is busy with three little girls. August was remarkable for a reunion with Carol Pierce Horta '84 and Phebe Royer Quattrucci in Maine." ✳ **Tammy Iralu** writes: "Jon and I have lived in Gallup, N.M., for nine years now! Jon is a physician for the Navajo Area Indian Health Service. I home- school our four daughters: Ellie (14), Mary Eve (8), Clare (6), and Julian (4). Ellie sings, Jon plays piano, and I play sax in the Gut Bucket Blues Band. Friends round out the sound on guitar, bass, harmonica, and gut bucket. Last summer, I was artist-in-residence at the Aspen Guard Station in Mancos, Colo." ✳ Jen Fisher and **Dave Revelle** were married on October 12 in Charlotte, N.C. Peter Ayer '84 and Mike Campbell '89 were groomsmen, and the Rev. Howard Fauntroy '89 (former Middlebury chaplain) officiated. Jen is in law school at Yale, while Dave checks out career opportunities in the New Haven area. ✳ After 15 months of commuting to Indianapolis every week, your secretary will be moving the business he joined in late 2001, Disaster Kleenup International, up to the Chicago area in January 2003, so that the kids won't ever ask again if I will be home on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day.

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Lt. Commander **Paul Brochu** of the U.S. Navy stationed in Hawaii, is using what he learned in his Midd biology classes as leader of the Navy's Deployable Preventive Medicine Unit there: "We support Navy and Marine Corps units through the Pacific, and provide medical support in areas such as occupational health, disease outbreak surveillance and control, and microbiology. We travel wherever needed and also conduct sampling, analysis, and assessment in the event of chemical, biological, or radiological agent releases. As you can imagine, we've gotten much busier over the last year." He's been to Japan, Diego Garcia, Indonesia, Singapore, and Cambodia in recent months. When not traveling, he gets to spend time with wife Sheryl and daughter Bailey (2). He expects to transfer back to the East Coast in August. ✳ Living outside of Boston with husband Joe, **Heather Breed O'Neil**'s newest baby is her own company! After

six years of keeping up with twins Madeline and Evelyn and younger daughter Audrey, Heather enlisted the help of an au pair two days a week and started O'Neil Marketing: "I do marketing consulting for health-care information systems and medical devices. It's going really well, thanks to my contacts from when I was at Hewlett-Packard." Heather often hears from **Mary O'Hollaren Fitzgerald**, who lives near the shore in Rumson, N.J., with husband John '84 and daughters Shannon (10), Lindsay (8), and Bridget (4). Mary spent much of the winter holidays taking Shannon to Lincoln Center, where she was performing, for the second year, as a toy soldier in the NYC Ballet *Nutcracker*. "We were on *20/20*," Mary says, "in a piece they did on the School of American Ballet and the NYCB *Nutcracker*!" ✳ **Larry** and Katherine Patrick '87 **Eighmy** are raising sons Stowe (7), Jackson (5), and Tucker (3) in Bethlehem, Pa., in a stone farmhouse above the Saucon Creek, behind Lehigh University's stadium. "It almost feels like Vermont," Larry claims. Katherine is director of Global Alliances for Dun and Bradstreet; Larry (with four partners) founded the Stone House Group LLC, which provides management, planning, and operations support for colleges. ✳ **Toni Sparrow** and partner Brad have a son, who is now a "toddler and demolition specialist. He will be 1.5 years old this winter, and we hope to get him on skis." ✳ **Becky Spahr Frazier** has two great kids, Quint (10) and Liza (7): "I am working in the adventure education field. I facilitate low and high ropes challenge courses. This involves a lot of team-building activities. It is very rewarding work and lots of fun." ✳ **Matthew Morris** is a corporate lawyer at Milbank, Tweed in NYC. He and wife Cristina Roig (Harvard '86) have two children, Luke (2) and Sebastian (4 mos.). ✳ After **Peter Hall** ran into Secretary Sullivan at their 20th high school reunion, he was inspired to send an update: "I returned to teaching French and Spanish in Andover, Mass., after a year in Chile on a Fulbright Teacher Exchange. I recently helped my former roommate, **Sol Levy**, and his wife, Michelle, move from Middlebury to Boston to take a job at Harvard writing for a black encyclopedia. Joining us to celebrate Sol's birthday were **Julie Watts**, chief of Environmental Health Education for the Mass. Dept. of Public Health, and **Caroline Curran**, who has been teaching English in Perugia, Italy, for five years. Over the holidays I caught up with **Reid** and **Cindy Cosby Appleby** and their children, Lindsay (10) and Reid IV (7). Reid is a specialist in alliance capacity planning at American Airlines, and Cindy is a software support specialist in the Grapevine-Colleyville (Texas) School District." ✳ **Mary Beth Veno** (MBee) is a breast-cancer resource nurse at the Nashua (N.H.) Regional Cancer Center: "I like working part time, since my favorite job is being a mom to Emily (almost 10) and Caleb (almost 6). Caleb loves kindergarten and soccer. Emily is almost as tall as I am and loves playing the violin." MBee's husband, Rick, is the special ed director at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, N.H. ✳ Dr. **Heidi Witherell** writes: "After finishing medical school at the ripe age of 37, I've started internship in San Diego and will do my residency in anesthesia at Stanford Univ. starting in June 2003. Life is hectic, but challenging. Any Middlebury alums in the San Diego area?"

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In October 2002, **Eileen Angelini** finished her 37-minute documentary, *France Divided*. "Funded by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the project was three years in the making. My co-director, Barbara P. Barnett, and I are now fundraising again, so we give the film free of charge to as many interested secondary and post-secondary teachers as possible." ✳ First child Isabella Grace, "Bella," joined Ann and **Richard Toran** on July 3. They live in Belmont, Mass., where Rich is an interventional radiologist at Winchester Hospital. Ann does cardiothoracic surgery at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. ✳ **Jerome Villalba** is happily living in NYC with wife Maria and children Isobel (8), Victoria (6), and Charles (2). ✳ Susan and **John Bohan** recently welcomed third child Nina Skye, who joins brothers Evan and Malcolm. ✳ **Peter Cole** lives in Santa Barbara with wife Jarica and baby Charlotte Lee, born January 6. Peter reports he is "doing art, making clothes, authoring books, and eking out a small but creative living. Life is good." ✳ **Barbara Marvin Nozaki** is busy taking care of Samuel (5), Jacob (3), and Margaret (1). "Had a great time at reunion. Keep in touch at brsnozaki@juno.com." ✳ **Kimberley O'Sullivan** and Timothy Hall were married on May 18, 2002, in Woods Hole, Mass. Kimberley was inducted into the American College of Surgeons on October 10, and is practicing plastic and reconstructive surgery in Wellesley. She is enjoying voluntary missions, most recently to Guatemala in 2001.

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We begin this column with sad news: Our classmate **Mark Held** passed away December 17, after a two-year battle with bone cancer. Most recently, Mark was an assistant attorney general in the Colorado State Attorney General's Licensing Section, focusing on environmental law. An avid outdoorsman, motorcyclist, and environmentalist, Mark is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and his parents. Our condolences go out to Mark's family and friends. ✳ **Antoinette van Zelm** is the interpretive specialist for the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. ✳ **Jeff Storey** returned last May from three months in Oman and Afghanistan with the Wyoming Air National Guard as a flight surgeon. He is currently an ob/gyn practicing in Cheyenne, Wyo. He and Kelley have two daughters, Kasey (9) and Kendra (7). ✳ **Andrew McCain** reports that he and Mary Kate "have been at beautiful Tabor Academy for six years now. Three children—plus 24 more right outside our door!" ✳ **Christa von der Luft**, who lives in Boston with husband Matthew Poppel, has been elected partner of the Boston law firm of Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP. ✳ *Vermont* magazine recently carried the good news about Kathleen and **Brad Ring** (January/February 2003 issue). "Publishing Dreams Come True" covers the amazing tale of their acquisition of *Brew Your Own*, North America's largest magazine for home brewers, and *WineMaker*, the only national magazine for home wine producers. ✳ As everyone knows, **Shawn Ryan**'s *The Shield* won best TV drama at the 60th annual Golden Globes in January. ✳ "Still happy working at the Environmental Protection Agency in Boston as an enforcement attorney," **Catherine Smith** is "balancing work with two kids, Elianna (4) and Francesca (2), and my wonderful husband, Steve." ✳ Strom (Spanish School '86-'87) and **Isabelle Paine Thacker** are living in Palo Alto, Calif., for a year, with children Matthew (6), Caroline (4), and William (18 mos.). They frequently see Todd and Kristi Garrett Ransick and their son, Jack (3). ✳ **Daniela Pajarola Wenk** has been working in bookkeeping at her family's sporting goods company in Switzerland. This year they have an au pair from Connecticut living with them to help with the care of her daughter (5) and her son (3). ✳ **Joni Wiester Martino** says her family "might actually make it to a reunion! We are in South Salem, about an hour north of NYC, with our two girls, Ellie (8) and Christina (5). Hard to believe I would ever leave California, but we were ready for a change and a cool job for my husband, Steve. It is nice to see the fall colors I first encountered at Midd, but I can't say I missed the cold weather!" ✳ **K. Yeager Stevens** reports that "Emma (4) and Walker (2) got a new baby brother on May 29, 2002: Nathaniel (Nate) Wells Stevens. We are looking forward to our 15th Reunion in June!" ✳ Yulti and **Tory Lewis Bogatyrenko** welcomed second son Charles on August 30. Son William is 2. Still living in Manhattan, Tory is working at United HealthCare of New York, where she was recently promoted to chief operative officer; Yulti is an operations consultant with a British firm. ✳ Sean and **Desiree Tucker Germon** are happy to report a new baby in the house. "Dirk Tucker was born September 15. His sister, Heather Nicole, was only 18 months old—we've been busy!" ✳ Cyntaya and **Chaz Derecskey** are happy to announce the arrival of daughter Chaily May on December 29. "Taya is a great big sister, helping out with everything." ✳ Tom and **Heather Davis Powers** welcomed their second child, son Sean Thomas Powers, on January 14. Sean's brother Connor, is 2.5. ✳ Erin '86 and **Pam Lawson Quinn** love being at Midd! Pam writes: "My kids—Hannah (8) and Connor (5)—and I are lacrosse fanatics and love to be at the games. I am teaching 4th/5th/6th grade math, doing some photography, and trying to write a few children's books!" ✳ Bob and **Joan Viebranz Lockwood** welcomed daughter Grayson DeCamp Lockwood on September 14: "Her brother, George (16 mos.), seems to be adjusting quite well. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our 15th Reunion."

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Stacy Whitman writes from San Francisco: "My book, called *Shacking Up*, is essentially a how-to guide for living together before marriage. It was a fun, eye-opening project inspired by my own shacking-up experience. I co-wrote it with my sister, who is a lawyer and MBA. I interviewed many Middlebury grads for it, though all names were changed to protect the innocent. Aside from the book, I have been busy freelancing for various magazines, including *Shape*, *Cosmo*, and *Travel & Leisure*. Last summer, I had the pleasure of seeing a bunch of Middlebury friends (Steve and Deb Reed '90 **Hopkins, Benjie Wadsworth, Paul Morrison, Jan Haas, Bruce Anfindsen**) at the wedding of **Pete Jenkins** in Cape Cod. I regularly see **Jen Latchford**, who has an adorable one-year-old Dylan, and **Kirsten Ritzau**, the 'matchmaker' who introduced me to my husband. Jen lives in Boston and Kirsten in Ketchum, Idaho. I also talk to **Marie Bullock**

Lynch and **Crisse Bishop Klee** on a regular basis. Marie, who lives in Boston, had her first baby, Michael Charles, in December. Crisse, who is getting her Ph.D. in art history at the Univ. of Del., is the mother of Ellie (2). I occasionally talk to **Susan Golkin**, too. She works as a copywriter at an advertising agency in New York. Can you believe that our 15th Reunion is on the horizon?" ✳ If you can remember all the way back to our freshman year, you may remember **Jason White**, from Cleveland. He lived in Allen, spent much of freshman year working on his music, then left to pursue his music career. You may have seen Jason and a band of his, the Janglers, when they toured with the Radiators in the early '90s, or you may have caught the Janglers on *Star Search* a while back. While listening to the radio in Boston, **Tim O'Shea** heard a news reporter do a piece about a new country song that was causing a stir on country radio stations. The song, "Red Rag Top," was released by Tim McGraw and deals with the subject of abortion, not the usual fare for Top 40 country music. The reporter went on to say that the song was written by Jason White. After two minutes spent on Google, Tim discovered that Jason from freshman year wrote that song. Turns out Jason has forged a very successful career in Nashville as a songwriter. His 2001 CD release, *Shades of Gray*, has been very enthusiastically received. Here's what Charles Earle had to say about *Shades of Gray* in the *Nashville Review*: "With the release of this indie album, this White guy has vaulted himself into the lofty territory of being among the very best writers in town, and I don't say that lightly. This man is absolutely fearless. He can write a song about anything. If this all sounds interesting, head down to Tower Records and pick this record up. In fact, crawl on your knees over gravel if you have to." We expect that *Shades of Gray* brings back memories of Monday nights in the Panther Pub. Congrats, Jason! ✳ **Ben Patch** and wife Ellen are keeping very busy with Benjamin (7) and Emily (5) in New Canaan, Conn. Ben is "meeting lots of Midds and Midd hopefuls at Darien Youth Hockey, where I coach and coordinate the Mite House league." One player on his team is Johann Nottebaum, son of **Johann Nottebaum**. ✳ **Tracy Nordstrom** and husband Kurt Waltenbaugh welcomed son Milo Konrad Waltenbaugh on August 31. He joins big brother Tucker (nearly 3). ✳ **Susanna Harwood Rubin** spent part of last summer doing an artist's residency at the American Academy in Rome, then returned to New York to spend most of the fall co-writing a book, *Looking at Matisse and Picasso*, to be published this spring by the Museum of Modern Art in conjunction with the Spring 2003 Matisse Picasso exhibition. Susanna writes: "Look for it advertised on the MoMA Web site. Now if I could just catch up on my sleep."

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Tom Meyer has had a very successful year, with two of his films opening in 2002. Tom was production designer on the summer surf hit *Blue Crush* and on the George Cloony caper *Welcome to Collinwood*. ✳ **Amy Leith** is now communications manager at the Risk and Insurance Society in New York. She spent a month in Vietnam visiting her dad, who has retired to Saigon. ✳ **Eric Winick** is director of marketing of Playwrights Horizons, the off-Broadway theatre, while living in "beautiful Park Slope, Brooklyn, the Berkeley of the East." ✳ Jon and **Kim Gager Daly** recently moved into a new house in Andover, Mass. The director of business development for Larsen & Toubro Infotech, a systems consulting company, Kim is looking forward to an upcoming first trip to Bombay. Jon is an analyst with Putnam Investments. ✳ In Atlanta, Ga., **Jill Danieli** started her own consulting business in 2002, working most recently as an independent contractor for Coca-Cola Fountain. ✳ **Maggy Wilkinson Deacon** writes: "Having lived in four cities and seven houses since our son, Nathaniel, was born five years ago, we finally settled in Denver in January 2002. We're loving it here! Mountains remind me of my time at Midd. Nat and his little sister, Lilly, are keeping me very busy!" ✳ Living in Denver, Colo., Darren and **Paola Venturini Hubert** look forward to hearing from friends who live or visit in the area. You can e-mail them at paoventhubert@hotmail.com. They celebrated their first anniversary on November 24. Paola does international marketing for Echostar/Dish Network and Darren works with strategy consulting. ✳ **Karla Rice Barnhill** gave birth to son Aaron in August 2002. ✳ Tim and **Judth Wright Battista** and daughter Allie (2) welcomed Molly into the family on October 8. Tim is busy with frequent business travel to Hawaii; Judith is busy juggling piano and kids. ✳ **Paul** and **Amy Carmola Hauf**, who live in Richmond, Vt., welcomed son William August Hauf on October 13. ✳ Annette and **Art McAleer** welcomed daughter Camilla Bay McAleer on October 25. Son Ian is now 3.5. Last August the McAleers had a terrific time catching up with **Ken** and **Wendy Williams Davis** at the Davis family place up in Maine. Also there were Sandy and **Steve West**, Carolyn and **Mike Lane**, and Mary and **Rob Hansen**. Lots of laughs, lots of kids, and great fun catching up and reliving the good old days at Midd. ✳ *The Boston Globe* (November 16) informs us that **Rob Gray** (senior adviser to the new governor of Massachusetts) and wife Karen welcomed daughter Phoebe Elizabeth Marie Gray on November 15. She joins her sister, Courtney, who was born during the Republican party's presidential convention in Philadelphia. ✳ Gaelle and **Paul English** announce the birth of daughter Madeleine Nancy English in Paris on January 13. Married in 1993, Gaelle and Paul have made Paris, Brussels, Florence, and New York their homes for the past 10 years. Now living in France, Paul (son of Nancy English '53) works for Ogilvy & Mather in Paris. ✳ **Laura Manibo** and Kevin Callan were married on April 6, 2002, in Miami. She writes: "Got to see a few Midd classmates who were able to attend the wedding. Honeymooned in Italy and Switzerland." The Callans live in Miramar, Fla., while Kevin is on active duty in the Air Force.

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Jeannie Ohm has been with MSNBC since August 2001, as a weekend and overnight anchor. Her first major assignment was reporting on the aftermath at Ground Zero, where she spent five weeks describing the search and recovery efforts. ✳ In October, **Eric Phaneuf** became an associate in the Stowe office of law firm Darby, Stearns, Thorndike Kolter and Ware LLP, of Stowe and Waterbury, Vt. He had been practicing in-house at several area companies since 1997. ✳ **Tina Swain** has moved back north, after six years in North Carolina: "I'm teaching Spanish and linguistics at Hamilton College. I finally finished my Ph.D. in December." ✳ For four years, **Mark** and **Susan Wattleworth Vanston** have been living in Nashville, Tenn., where they are the proud, exhausted parents of triplets! Born on March 25, 2002, sons Aidan and Dylan and daughter Faith are all happy and healthy. Mark is a technology analyst with META Group, Inc., working remotely from a home office. Susan, a physical therapist, is taking an indefinite leave from the career world for obvious reasons. ✳ Arthur and **Heather Flood Daves** welcomed second son Alexander Flood Daves on January 15. "Big brother Ethan loves showing Alex the ropes." ✳ The marriage of Donna O'Sullivan and **Kris Johnson** took place in September 2001 in Charlotte, N.C., where they are living. ✳ **Katherine Grimes** and Brian McMahon were married on December 7 in New York. Kate, who does voice-overs for radio and television advertising, is studying acting in a Sanford Meisner program. Brian is the director for financial risk management in the treasury department of Pfizer in New York.

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While spending his second year teaching in Valencia, Spain, **Dan Thomsen** managed to make it home to gambol in the four feet of snow that blanketed Camp Deerwood. ✳ **Bob Quinn** is doing his residency in Burlington, Vt;, to become "Dr. Quinn medicine man." ✳ Cpt. **Hank McKnelly** and Cpt. Valerie Weiser were married on October 19 in Alexandria, Va. There to celebrate with them (and witness Hank in a kilt!) were **Michael Rex** and **Frederick Lawrence**. The newlyweds are stationed at Fort Polk, La., where Hank works as a judge advocate for the U.S. Army. ✳ **Tyson Freeman** moved back to San Francisco last fall. ✳ **Matt Thompson** has returned in San Francisco after a six-month assignment in London. ✳ **Dave Cole** loves his job as an R&D engineer in a California company that makes medical devices for heart bypass surgery, but he and wife Robin will eventually make their way back east to be closer to family. ✳ **Corey Chase** runs a Russian telecommunications business in Ojai, Calif. Corey and wife Amy Tatko welcomed daughter Sadie Chase-Tatko on October 23. ✳ **Megan Underwood**, who recently relocated to Ventura, Calif., completed yet another NYC Marathon in November. After many years on the East Coast, she's happy to be "home" in California, telecommuting for her NYC employer, public relations firm Goldberg McDuffie, and doing some freelance work. ✳ **Ryan Tranquilla** is living in Los Angeles, where wife Lori is in business school at UCLA. Ryan is director of California Programs for Poets and Writers, Inc., the nation's largest nonprofit service organization for writers. ✳ **Julian Bernick** recently published a poem in a small press magazine, called *Poetry Motel*. ✳ **Lisa Christoffersen** regretted missing reunion, but had just returned from Greece. Living in Seattle with husband Jeff and dog Pai, Lisa is an immigration lawyer with Cowan & Miller, practicing business and family immigration law. She's also in a book group with **Kate Larocque** and Lana Fuller '91. ✳ **Amy Randall** continues to guide fly anglers for trout and steelhead on Oregon's Deschutes River. Amy and partner John Hazel recently opened a fly shop,

Deschutes Angler, in Maupin, Ore. They're also constructing a fly-fishing lodge on their 320-acre ranch overlooking the river. ✳Exiting the technology sector, **Doug Cochran** has is now a business consultant in Dallas, Texas, with various financial and business development projects, including Coors Brewery. ✳Kristen and **Keith Wilson** and children Harry and Lucy have moved to Steamboat Springs, Colo. ✳**Terry Wise** and wife Amberly have moved to Park City, Utah. ✳**Tom Campi** recently moved to the Chesapeake Bay area, St Michaels, Md., to open a bed and breakfast with his wife. ✳After teaching on Long Island last year, **Allan Reeder** is teaching, writing, and doing freelance editing in Cambridge, Mass. ✳**Jon Owsley** and wife Katie planned a March move to Wayland, Mass. In July, they anticipate a trip to Aspen for Jon to play in the Vail Lacrosse Tournament with the Middlebury Masters team. Jon is excited about his newfound eligibility and is looking forward to wearing the Midd blue and white for the first time in over 10 years. ✳After a year in Texas as McDermott Fellow of American Art at the Dallas Museum of Art, **Lilly Gray** is back in the Big Apple with her boots still on. As an associate director at Spanierman Gallery, specializing in 19th- and early 20th-century American Art, she's organizing the summer exhibition "Art for the New Collector," opening in July. ✳**Lisa Balaschak** has moved back to NYC to work in marketing at Pfizer Inc. ✳Des and **Jen Rowe Havlicek** welcomed twins Cass Whitney and Quinn Brownlee in January. Des writes: "Declan loves the new additions to the family and hasn't poked them in the eyes yet, which I think is a good thing. We are hoping the **Scolas** share their wisdom about making twins work—hopefully we'll be as successful as they have been." ✳Nancy and **Todd Kafka** welcomed daughter Allyson Kathleen Kafka on September 13. ✳On December 8, Burdine Clayton Atherton joined parents John '93 and **Blakely Anderson Atherton** and sister Essie. ✳**Pat** and Ashley Kinchloe '94 **Dyson** recently had their first child. ✳**Peter Steinle** is living in New Canaan with wife Lila and baby daughter Ava. ✳In Atlanta, Dianne and **Garrett Johnston** have two daughters, Claire and Julia (1). ✳Christi and **Rick Gable** recently welcomed daughter Brittany; they live in Marblehead, Mass. ✳**Michael Scanlon** and wife Devon also have a daughter, Elizabeth Hill Scanlon, born in May 2001. ✳**Warren** and **Caroline Leary Dowd** have two kids in Tiburon, Calif. ✳**Sandy Paige** has a second child and a new job in Maine, after finishing his MBA at Babson.

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After seven years in California, Michael and **Jennifer Gould Cippoletti** have moved back east. She's continuing her work as a political pollster from their new home in Darien, Conn. "I'm looking forward to spending more time with Midd friends on the East Coast!" ✳**Scott McComb** reports that he loves his middle school science teaching job in Columbus, Ohio. He's working on becoming a National Board Certified teacher, and starting a family with longtime partner Martin Piccoli. ✳In summer 2002, **John** and **Jen Ruh Linder** moved to McMinnville, Ore., where Jen is an assistant prof. of psychology at Linfield College and John is a senior analyst at money management firm Alsin Capital Management. They are in the process of building a home: "Come visit!" ✳Peter and **Gracyn Robinson Whitman** are delighted to announce the birth of daughter Lila Grace Whitman on May 27, 2002. "We also just recently moved back up to the Boston area; our new home is in Wenham, Mass." ✳Tom and **Nan Mitchell Covert** welcomed second son Clay on September 22, 2002. Big brother, Cam, is 2. ✳**Sally Keefe** and **Peter Webber** are the proud parents of Ella Keefe Webber, born November 27. ✳**Ben** and **Kelly Rivers Small** are thrilled to report the arrival of son Austin Thomas Small on December 25. Kelly is our MCAA chapter president in Hartford, Conn. ✳Donny '92 and **Nancy Zagami Hunt** are living in San Francisco with daughter Devon (1). Donny is working as a corporate attorney, while Nancy is taking some time off work to be with Devon. ✳Paul (M.A. Spanish '99) and **Erin Kahn Withstandley** are teaching and living happily in Greenwich, Conn., with sons Jack (2) and Luke (9 mos.). ✳Married since '94, **Emily Caswell** and Ossian Riday have two kids who turn 3 and 5 in 2003. Ossian is a software engineer at Delorme Publishing in Yarmouth, Maine. Emily is a self-employed graphic/web designer. ✳**Adrienne Macki Effron** completed her M.A. at Emerson College in theatre education last May and is now working on her Ph.D. in drama at Tufts Univ. "I would love to hear from friends who have scattered all over!"

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T Cooper was recently featured in Barnes and Noble's Discover Great New Writers series.

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T Cooper's first novel, *Some of the Parts*, has been selected in the Quality Paperback Book Club and the Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers program. She traveled the country on a book tour during the winter and did a reading on the Middlebury campus on January 16. "For info about my book, including pictures of my tour, upcoming events, press, visit www.t-cooper.com." ✳**Alan** and **Julie Jennings Ritchie** are living in Montpelier, Vt., where they are enjoying every minute of parenthood with son, Camden (born in 2001) ✳In Cohasset, Mass., **Nancy Hastings Fox** is living with husband Willy Fox and son Sam Fox (1). ✳**Liz Leyden** and husband Danny Hakim welcomed son Casey Gray Hakim on October 7: "We live in Ann Arbor, Mich., where Danny covers the auto industry for the *New York Times*, and I'm working on a novel." ✳Harper Elizabeth Sinclair arrived on November 29, much to the delight of her parents, Neil '93 and **Alyssa Sveden Sinclair**. Neil has been serving as acting head coach of Middlebury's men's hockey team, while Bill Beaney takes a sabbatical, so this was a big winter for the Sinclair family. Alyssa is still working in the admissions office and was returning to work in early April, after enjoying a long break with Harper. ✳In a Mead Chapel ceremony, **Kelly Cole** and **William Dobson** were married on September 21. The Rev. Laurel Macauley Jordan '79 officiated. While a doctoral candidate in media and cultural studies at the Univ. of Wis., Kelly is doing research in NYC on the history of medical advertising. Bill is senior editor of Asian news at *Newsweek International* in NYC.

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J.P. Watson finished his master's in biomedical science at the Univ. of S.C. in Columbia, where he lives with wife Caroline. He's teaching biology while coaching soccer and tennis at Hammond School, a private K-12 school. ✳Dr. **David Zappalla** hopes friends will get in touch at zappalla@colorado.edu. He's now a post-doctoral researcher with Nobel laureate Tom Leek at the Univ. of Colo. at Boulder. He graduated last August with a Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology. ✳**Jeremy Cutler** "finally decided to quit teaching, after many years in the trenches. I'm now in the process of raising money to start an organic farm. I'm sure my classmates will never believe that I now own two llamas!" ✳Frank Burke '83, president and principal owner of the Chattanooga Lookouts AA Baseball Team, has named **Brad Smith** assistant general manager of the team. Frank was quoted as saying, "I'm running out of titles for him," since Brad has served as a concessions intern, director of ticket sales, director of media relations, and business administrator. ✳Phil and **Heather Mead Jack** are happy to announce the birth of daughter Elizabeth Katharine on July 24. Heather also recently earned her MBA from Babson College, which she attended part time while running a law firm and a mortgage company that Phil and Heather founded over five years ago. They live in a house they built in Ashland, Mass. ✳**Justin** and **Lisa Perry Harrison** recently welcomed son Henry. ✳The marriage of **Jenna Ermold** and Matt Mishkind took place in Waitsfield, Vt., on July 20. ✳**Erica Templeton** and Ethan Spencer were married on August 3 in Grafton, Vt. Bridesmaids included **Noga Peled Ruttenberg**, Laura Christian '94, and Amanda Gordon '96. **Megan Feeney** was the reader. Other guests included James Christian '92, Ben Christian '98, and Roger Christian '61. ✳Our thanks to Amanda Gordon '96 for sending along several news items for 1995. Amanda was looking through a recent *Martha Stewart Weddings* and came across **Gus Gostyla**'s wedding featured in a two-page spread! His wedding party photo included **Justin Harrison, Jon Shepherd**, and **Tyler Newton**.

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Andrew Kvaal, Amy Atwood, JK and **Heidi Hirschberg Fagan**, Lisa Perry Harrison '95, Caitlin and **Stuart Salyer**, **Amanda Gordon**, and some non-Midd friends threw their seventh annual holiday fundraiser on December 7. This year's event was held at Barcode in Boston. The planning committee (which has included **Weezie Edsell, Lisa**

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Caruso, Mike Kreuzer, Dan Rice, Erica Templeton Spencer '95, and Laura Christian '94, among others) chooses a different children's charity to support each year. This year the proceeds benefited the Children's AIDS Program at the Boston Medical Center. CAP is a provider of medical, educational, and neurodevelopmental day care for HIV-infected children. A huge group of '96 classmates attended, including **Cortney Thompson, Steph King Lemke, Chad Stern, Kimball Prentiss, Weezie Edsell, Rebecca Kirk, Mike** and **Debbie Bailey Kreuzer, Dan Rice, Eric Davis, Jethro** and **Molly Bschorr Ferguson, Kevin Creeden, Ed Meyi, Jess Angell, Ashley McMullin, Scott Holmes, Matt** and Martha Shay '98 **Trail, Scott Pokrywa**, and **Neil Matthews** (apologies to anyone we missed!), in addition to many area alums from other classes. ✳Anson and **Kelsey Fuller Fatland** welcomed son Connor James on October 11 in San Francisco, Calif. ✳**Peter Schermerhorn** is director of operations at Wellogic, a Cambridge-based health-care company, specializing in web-based software applications and IT consulting for healthcare. ✳**Ian Smith** is finishing his fourth and final year teaching physics and astronomy at Lake Forest Academy in Chicago. At the end of the school year, Ian is moving out to Burlington to be with his wife, Heather Frengen Smith '95, who's now in her first year at UVM Medical School. Ian plans to do some teaching in Vermont. ✳A reading of *Three Christs Live*, by **Dan O'Brien**, took place at Middlebury in January. The cast included Equity artists Harry McEnerny and Ethan Bowen, as well as Doug Sprigg, Richard Romagnoli, Cheryl Faraone, Dana Yeaton '79, Ben Fainstein '04, Jessica St. Clair '98, Christian Parker '93, and Dan. Dan also talked about the transition from a liberal arts education to a professional career in the arts, entitling his comments, "How To Almost Starve On Purpose; or, The Unreal World." ✳Filming was underway last fall on the psychological thriller, *The Clearing*, a story conceived by Pieter Jan Brugge and first-time screenwriter **Justin Haythe**. Justin has also written another script for New York-based Thousand Words, and he's slated to write a script for Sam Mendes and DreamWorks.

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At the Univ. of Ariz. in Tucson, **Kris Eriksen** is busy in the astronomy Ph.D. program. He writes that he "recently returned from a two-week conference in Tenerife (Canary Islands, Spain). On the way back I stopped in Madrid, where I saw my sister and Liz Herman '99." ✳**Andrew Jessen** is working hard, but enjoying his first year of business school at Univ. of Chicago. ✳**Sarah Gilson** and her boyfriend recently spent five months biking from San Francisco to Yorktown, Va., for a total of 5,100 miles! "It was a great experience and definitely worth quitting our jobs and giving up our apartments for!" ✳**Kristen Chencus** is in Baltimore, working with dyslexic children. ✳**Merideth Cox** and Brian Ostrer are living in Durham, N.C., where Merideth teaches sixth grade history/language arts and coaches swimming, and Brian is a second-year MBA student. They are relocating in June 2003. ✳**Amy Nichols** has moved to San Francisco, where she sees many Middlebury alums. She took a trip to Thailand in January. ✳**Amy Wlodarski** writes: "Having reached ABD status at the Eastman School of Music, I've relocated to Boston in order to do more extensive research and write my dissertation. It's been great fun getting to know my new singing group and seeing old friends. Anyone in the area, please be in touch!" ✳**Radhames Nova** has a new job as director of development at the Lawrence Boys & Girls Clubs: "I am very excited about this move since I practically grew up at the Club, and this will be a great opportunity for me to give back." ✳**Jim Walsh** and **Kyle Reis** rang in the New Year in style down in Atlanta (where Kyle lives). They celebrated for a week straight and have lots of stories to tell! ✳**Amber Olig** and Dan Taylor were married October 5 at Ocean Cliff in Newport, R.I. Amber is an equity analyst at Fidelity Investments in Boston. She and Dan live in Boston's South End. **Sarah Rebick** and Dan '95 and **Julie Fedin Morris** were at the wedding. ✳Jay and **Tanya Hansen Hackney** welcomed son Aaron Blake on September 21. Big brother Eli (1) is delighted. Tanya enjoyed seeing everyone at reunion last summer and reminds friends that they are still in Atlanta. ✳**Heidi Vance** is still running the Curtis R. Vance Foundation, a nonprofit organization to benefit ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. She's also working at the Loomis Chaffee School in alumni/development. Heidi and boyfriend Paul recently bought a house in Simsbury, Conn. ✳**Amy Kriescher** is a trip leader for Backroads, an active-travel company based in California. "I'm very happy to be spending eight months out of the year in France, finally applying my major to my career." ✳**Laura Tabor**, a marketing research study director for Synovate, got together with **Wendy Peterson, Kristen Chencus**, and **Laura Coogan Leavy** for their annual girls' weekend in November. She also sees **Scott Streater**, who is an anesthesia resident at Mass General. ✳As for us: **Jackie Pelton** is still working at the South Boston Neighborhood House, running their Community Learning Center for elementary-aged kids. She has started a master's program in technology in education through Lesley Univ. in Cambridge. And **Jocelyn Nill** finished her Tufts Univ. master's in education last May and is now teaching second grade on Nantucket. If you have any news to report, please send Jackie or Jocelyn an e-mail for inclusion in this column. Please keep in touch. We'd love to hear from you.

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Aditya Raval wrote in January from Cairo, where he was based as "the sole ABC News representative for this country. As a field producer, my work appears on *World News Tonight* with Peter Jennings, *Nightline*, and *Good Morning America*. I have been here for over a month now, and I will be here until a possible war is over or if the tensions ease in the area. I might have the opportunity to head into Iraq or a border area if a war indeed breaks out." ✳**Brandon Doyle** is completing his second year as a development officer at Columbia Univ., while living on East 49th Street with **PJ Smith, Hayden Baker** and several mice. The apartment has been handed down to Middlebury graduates since 1995. He rang in the New Year in NYC with **PJ Smith, Sophia Hardy, Molly Kroon, Emily Richards, Tyler Lifton**, and Jaques Clough '99. Molly moved back to the East Coast from San Francisco last fall to attend the Columbia Journalism School. ✳Living in the East Village, **Tyler Lifton** is a reporter for Dow Jones Newswires and the *Wall Street Journal* in New York. After taking some time off to travel, he's attending business school next year. ✳**Tetyana Bisyk** is "a financial consultant at Credit Suisse First Boston on Park Ave., while getting my master's in English literature at Hunter College. I am also taking an intensive French class, to challenge myself. I am moving in with my other half, a musician. His band, Good Evening, plays a lot in NYC and will be going on tour soon." She has seen Brooke Capps '97, **Courtney Kessler**, and Chris Farrell '99, who recently came back from Florence, Italy. ✳After illustrious careers in San Francisco as a lacrosse coach, a mobile distribution specialist for Waiters On Wheels, and at a financial software company, **Than'l Badder** has moved to Elmira, N.Y., where he's an assistant lacrosse coach at Elmira College. He's also pursuing his master's degree in education and acting as a Residential Life Coordinator: "students' mom away from mom." ✳**Brandon Mollett** is a middle-school teacher and coach at his alma mater, Boys' Latin in Baltimore, Md. ✳**Mark Tromblay** is moving to Virginia this June to practice general dentistry in Georgetown. ✳Living in Boston, **Matt Gunderson** is a journalist with Community Newspaper Company, working in Concord, Mass. ✳Living in Cambridge for the past couple of years, **Amanda Levine** and Dan Rosenfeld '99 have enjoying being surrounded by the many other Midd kids in the Cambridge-Somerville area. Mandy graduated from Boston College Law School last spring and is now an associate in a large Boston law firm, practicing civil litigation. ✳In August, **Kevin Joyce** spent some time with old college roommates **David Cohen, Carlos Hortas, Noah Bruce, Jim McGrath**, and **Ken Ebbitt**, celebrating Kevin's last few moments before becoming a father. Meanwhile, **Lauren Stewart, Meg Allen, Betsy Goodchild**, and **Abby Manzella** attended **Katherine Inglis Joyce**'s baby shower. On October 12, Katherine and Kevin welcomed son Aidan Joseph Joyce into the world. Katherine's brother, Jeff Inglis '95, posted some photos at www.jeffinglis.com/friends/aidan/. ✳"Stoked to see you all in June," writes **Andrew Mahlstedt**, who is in a one-year master's program in international comparative education at Stanford. He likes that area, "but I miss the snows of Vermont sometimes." ✳One final plug for Reunion: Plan to come to Reunion '03 and please pre-register at www.middlebury.edu/alumni/reunion2003/1998.html.

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Having completed an international affairs master's at Georgetown Univ., **Kate Stone** is working for the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance: "My office is sort of the 'International FEMA,' since we respond to global natural disasters and complex humanitarian emergencies. Drop me a line at katestone@hotmail.com." ✳**Andrew Davenport**, who has started a graduate degree at UPenn, was spotted skiing at Bromley Mountain in southern Vermont this winter. ✳**Joe Kraft**'s New Year's party in Boston brought together **Chris Morosky** (a third-year med student at UConn), **Silas Marshall** (liv-

ing in Philly and applying to med school), 1st Lt **Brendan O'Donohoe** (stationed in Italy with the Army Rangers), **Adam Burns** (working in NYC), **Rob Kerchner** (still in Boston), **Andrew Dixon** (a consultant in N.J.), **Aaron Tyler** (working in Venture Capital in Boston), **Kristine Kraushaar** (halfway through law school at Cornell), and **Peter Steinberg** (med school). ✳**John Felton** hosted his annual Secret Santa party in NYC, with the usual crowd of **Dan Meyer, Rob Levy, Chris Lindstrom, Brad Maxwell, Joe Kraft, Pete Steinberg, Mike Cormier, Mark Edgarton, Adam Burns**, and **Josh Nelson**. John commented that borrowing Rob Levy's apartment, "never grows old, although it does grow smaller each year, or maybe we get bigger. I have no idea." ✳**Peter Nilsson** recently led a bike trip from Savannah, Ga., to Santa Monica, Calif. Now back at Deerfield Academy in western Massachusetts, he's in his third year in the English department. He invites visitors. ✳**Mike Hussey** recently accepted a position as admissions and financial aid officer at Harvard. This will enable him to pursue his career interests in admissions and to remain in Boston, which he finds compelling for personal reasons. ✳**Carmen Pina** loves teaching Spanish at Pilgrim High School in Warwick, R.I. ✳**Erin McManus** and Timothy O'Donovan were married on August 24 in Montana. The newlyweds are living in London. At Goldman-Sachs, Erin is a private equities associate, and Tim is a money market portfolio manager. ✳En route to Bangladesh for a stint in the Peace Corps, **Amy Dong** stopped in San Francisco to see **Allison Peel**, who is teaching, and Katie Sloan, who is at Hastings for Law School. Amy invites "anybody in Bangladesh to stop in and say hello."

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Jennifer Crystal is teaching English in Boulder, Colo., along with three other Midd alums: "I have enjoyed visits from **Elise Young** and **Joe Fioretti**, and anticipate visits from **Megan Leopold** and **Allison Frazier**. Met up with **Jen LaBrecque, Patrick Kelly, Maya Paul, Pete Falcier, Pete Fagan**, and **Michelle Ruth** in Boston over New Years." ✳**Colleen Bramhall, Jes Christian, Tim Dewey-Mattia, Jme McLean, Caroline Bevelander, Pete Walsworth, Than Bryan, Adam Popkin, Jenny Morgan, Isaac Ro, Katie Zug, Meeghan Murphy**, and **Josh Nothwang** lived it up for three glorious days during a New Years celebration of bacchanalian proportions at Tim's northern New Jersey ranch. ✳**Derek Esposito** is a graduate student at Colo. State Univ., pursuing a master's in ecology. "When not busy studying, I spend my time skiing, mountain biking, trail running, climbing, or kayaking. As long as I can get outside often, I'm happy." ✳**Jose Lopez** is teaching Latin and Greek at the Hotchkiss School in Connecticut. After studying in the German School at Middlebury last summer, he spent a week in Montreal with **Jennifer Ashlock**, who is teaching French at Fryeburg Academy in Maine. He also keeps in touch with **Tina Tamayoshi**, who is still working Japan. ✳**Duff Lyall** and **Kate Sauer** are living in Shanghai, where Duff is teaching conversational English, art, and P.E. to second graders. ✳The president of the Virginia Company, **Willis Logan** invites everyone to check out their Web site at thevirginiacompany.com for everything from peanuts to hams to wines. ✳Kjirsten Aftreth and **Shane Langland**, who met on a rock-climbing expedition, were married on June 29. After the reception, they flew away off the lake in their own floatplane to explore jungles and ruins in South America before returning to Anchorage, where Kjirsten teaches second grade and Shane is president of Eagle Enterprises.

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While applying to law school, **Pete Morgan** has been the program director for the Nature Conservancy's Massachusetts Islands Program on Martha's Vineyard. ✳**Dan Graham** is studying physics at Cornell grad school. ✳In September, **Jessica Stahl** started the counseling psychology Ph.D. program at the Univ. of Maryland, College Park. ✳**Andrew Dutterer** sent news of **Adam Taylor**, who has moved to Portland, Ore.; **Ben Jervey**, who is living in NYC with Cara McKenney '02; and **Matt Waxman**, who plans to write a novel based on his recent adventures traveling on the West Coast. ✳**Michael Saunders**, who works in Summit, N.J., ran the Chicago Marathon with **Emily Oates, Randy Wilson, Scott Goldman**, Ryan Goldman '98, and Billie Goldman '02. ✳**Sarah Carpenter** had to evacuate from Cote d'Ivoire in September, due to the erupting war. Transferring in mid-October to Peace Corps Madagascar, she's teaching English. She also plays volleyball and soccer: "I provide endless amounts of entertainment for the villagers, as women rarely play soccer, and being 5'10" in a country where the average height is around 5'5" for men and 5'0" for women, I definitely stand out in a crowd. The villagers call me 'lavabe' which means 'tall one' in Malagasy. I am enjoying learning the local language and eating rice for every meal." ✳**Peter Weeks** is studying economics in Denmark, while **Zak Pritchard** teaches English in Malaga, Spain. ✳**Brian Bethke** works at an import-export related company in Shanghai, China. He saw **Mei Robertson** when her job brought her to Shanghai in December; he hoped to see other Midd alums in January, when his job took him to Germany and London. ✳Returned from the Far East, **Dauvin Peterson** lives in New Canaan, Conn., and works for Eric Meyer '84, launching a hedge fund of funds for Middle Eastern investors. Dauvin has visited **Jason Oleet**, attended **Tom Mark**'s October wedding in Vermont, had dinner in D.C. with **Dave Cohen**, and saw Jamie May '00, **Jon Chesebro, James Tsai, Chris Cheang, Ted Noon,** and **Chris Everett** in Boston. ✳This summer, **Corey Wilk** will work at law firm Goulston and Storrs on Rowe's Wharf in Boston. ✳**Lindsay Frost**, who was recently promoted at Houghton, moved into a new place in Allston, Mass., with Ashley Elpern '02 and Amanda Wiegand '02. ✳Working at Mass General Hospital as an RA in psychiatric genetics, **Kristen Lyall** is looking for genes for Autism, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, and Tourettes. Kristen ran a marathon in Walt Disney World in January. ✳While editing educational videos in Boston, **Keegan Uhl** finds time to play Ultimate Frisbee. His team lost in the finals at the World Ultimate Championships in Hawaii, and lost in the semi-finals at Club Nationals in Sarasota, Fla. ✳**Leslie Fox, Matt Arnould, James Tsai, Abbey Haber**, Chris Lindstrom '99, **Kelsey Doub, Elissa Burnell, Liz Doyle,** and **Kristen Sylva** rang in the New Year together in Boston. Kristen started a new marketing executive job at Thrive Networks in Concord, Mass. ✳**Kate Klapfish** also started a new job, working in Newton, Mass., for Sidewalk Sam, a nonprofit organization that brings art to inner city youth. ✳**Victor Shaio** is working for Washington Mutual in NYC. ✳**Amanda Birns** works at Hermes in the special events department. When Hermes had its first U.S. fashion show in October, Amanda had **Danielle Fischer, Jackie Spring,** and **Jason Ienner** as guests. Jackie lives on the West Side with three Midd '02 alums. ✳Celebrating the New Year together were NYC residents **Erin Sussman, Francisco Peschiera, Tory Jennings**, and **Chris Herbert**, and **Nick Reeb** (who is now playing full time in his bluegrass band Hard Raisin'). Joining the party were **Kendra Slater, Matt Venhorst, Lindsay Dormer, Andrea Kaufman**, and **Leslie Edwards**, who came in from California, and **Jill Anderson** who came from Texas. ...Also ringing in the New Year in NYC at Zanzibar, were, **Ryan Klinghoffer, Brad Pryba, Ethan Feuer, Douglas Parobeck**, and **Dan Deroo**. Dan is at NYU, studying for a degree in commercial real estate. ✳**Elsa Palanza** relocated to D.C. in October to work for international consulting firm Washington Policy & Analysis. Recently visited by **Kari Nygaard** and **Neil Bergquist**, Elsa has many Midd friends in D.C., including **Ellen Guettler, Tim O'Keefe, Sharon Wilson, Tiffany Brinkmann, Kirk Hoffman, Dana Stringer, Laura Yee, Erin Branch** and Mark Weinberg '98, **Jason Lemire**, etc. ✳**Kirk Hoffman** is a research associate at the National Museum of the American Indian, a branch of the Smithsonian. ✳December 30, **Jean Burr, John Colianni, Dave Selkowitz**, and **Kelly Knapp** met up with **Andrew Snow** at Mad River Glen for a fun afternoon of skiing, followed by dinner near Sugarbush. On New Year's Eve, they were joined by **Carmen Tedesco, Kate Wright**, and **Jess Stahl** for First Night activities in Burlington. After a night at Dave and Carmen's log cabin in Weybridge, they brunched at Steve's Park Diner, where **Kevin Borecki** made an appearance. ✳**Rose Nash** is teaching seventh grade English in the Northeast Kingdom, where **Jareb Keltz** is doing carpentry, hunting, and fishing. They invite visitors to their mountain-top cabin. ✳**Ray Coffey** plays tons of Ultimate, and coaches the high school Nordic ski team in Essex, Vt., where he's also an aid for a fourth grade student with EBD. ✳**Matt Whitcomb** is head Nordic coach at Burke Mountain Academy. He recently took his team on a two-week trip Val Sendes, Italy, to train with the best athletes in the world. ✳On May 25, **Garrett Dodge** is running his first marathon to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training, running in honor of **Elizabeth Padgett** (who is now clear of Hodgkin's disease and is also participating in the marathon on a relay team) and **Daniel Stark** (who succumbed to cancer in October 2000). Cheer Garrett on at www.geocities.com/dodge2315.

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02 While living in NYC with **Hilary Munson, Abigail Vacanti** is working as a news assistant at CNN. ✷**Georgia Goodhue** also lives in NYC, where she works for the environmental group at Cravath Swaine Moore. ✷**Katie Mae Simpson** writes: "I am working with a yearlong paid fellowship called Green Corps, which trains recent college graduates to become leaders in the environmental movement. My job is to work with local communities throughout Massachusetts that have a toxic threat in their town, whether a leaking landfill, contaminated water, or pesticides in their communities. I help the communities figure out the best way to get the local or state government to do their jobs and protect the public health."

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LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

English

Jamie Caulley Gaudion (M.A. '72) is teaching English at Foxcroft Academy in Maine. Her family loves the outdoor life of northern Maine in all seasons. ✷**Eve Lewis Perera** (M.A. '75) continues to teach at the Berkshire Institute of Christian Studies: "Augustine, Dante, Luther, Milton, Bunyan, Edwards, and more." ✷**Elena Brandt** (M.A. '81) was honored recently for her leadership as the board president of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Northern New England Chapter. Elena is the principal of Brandt Associates, a consulting firm that provides counsel to nonprofit organizations. ✷**Bob Brown** (M.A. '86) has been teaching at Rice Memorial High School in Burlington, Vt., since 1981. In his spare time, Bob is does voice-overs for radio and TV commercials and narrates video presentations. He also teaches evenings, summers, and online at Champlain College. ✷**Stuart Robinson** (M.A. '89) serves as athletic director and men's soccer coach at SUNY New Paltz, where he is also an adjunct prof. of English. ✷After more than a decade in San Francisco, **Nancy Boutilier** (M.A. '90) has moved to Oberlin, Ohio, where she is writing her third collection of poems, tentatively titled *What the Abyss Sees*. Her recent collection of poems, *On the Eighth Day Adam Slept Alone*, was finalist for a number of awards, including the Lambda Literary Award. She would love to hear from Bread Loafers at nboutilier@aol.com. ✷Eleven years to the day after her Bread Loaf graduation, **Elizabeth Marshall Davis** (M.A. '90) and her husband welcomed daughter Rose Elizabeth Davis. Rose spent last summer sailing the Maine coast with her parents. Elizabeth works part time for the Harpswell Anchor in Maine. ✷**Richard Commons** has been elected headmaster of Groton (Mass.) School, effective July 1, 2003. Rick has served as assistant headmaster of McDonogh School in Owings Mills, Md., since 1999. ✷**Mary Highet** ('02 Alaska) and William Schwarz were married on October 13 in Edgartown, Mass.

French

Living in an Oakland, Calif., assisted living center, **Audrey Kemp Bowyer** (M.A. '46) is still a strong supporter of the French School and the German School. ✷In retirement, **Carolyn Rusk** ('52-'83) writes to French speaking nations for Amnesty International/USA to address human rights issues. ✷At age 83, **Bette Standish Johnson** ('59) is retired, but she still enjoys teaching French at Fox Hill Village Retirement Home in Westwood, Mass. ✷*A Keene Sense of History: Historical Sketches of the Monadnock Region*, by **David Proper** (M.A. '61), was published in November by the Historical Society of Cheshire County in Keene, N.H. It contains nearly 100 of David's "Region History" columns that have appeared in the *Keene Sentinel* weekly for almost 40 years. ✷After four years in NYC, where she has been teaching English and speech at Lehman College, **Sheryl Snyder Savina** (M.A. '71) writes: "We are returning to Paris. I will return to my teaching position at the Sorbonne in fall 2003." ✷As an empty nester, **Mary Rowe Gibbons** (M.A. '75) returned to school, to the Traditional Acupuncture Institute, the Institute of the Healing Arts in Laurel, Md., where she is an acupuncture intern in the clinic. "One of my colleagues, **Ruth Busko** ('98) also attended Middlebury. We especially love when Elisabeth Rochat de la Vallee, one of the world's premier sinologists, visits us from the Institut Ricci in Paris. It makes us want to fly immediately to Reid Hall." ✷**Catherine Cifonelli** (M.A. '86) is a litigation paralegal working at a small law firm whose practice is class actions. Living in Rogers Park (Chicago) for the last 12 years, Catherine would love to hear from M.A. French graduates who were in Paris in 1985-86. ✷In NYC, **Lee Daniels** (M.A. '88) is working in the equity research department of Lazard Freres, Inc., while wife Patricia is senior business development officer at Bingham McCutchen. "We live in a converted farmhouse that is 100 years old in Pleasantville, NY, but divide time there with NYC and the Jersey Shore." ✷**Katherine Ballard** (M.A. '90), a major gifts officer at Loomis-Chaffee, lives in West Hartford, Conn., with husband Ed Blumenthal and kids Noah (8), Charlotte (6), and Nate (3). ✷**Viviana Valdes Santos** (M.A. '90) earned her Ph.D. in 18th century French literature from Rutgers in 2001. Now an instructor in modern languages at Phillips Exeter Academy, she lives with husband **Roy Santos** (M.A. '90), a defense consultant for ACS Defense, and children Gustavo (3) and Camila (1) in Exeter, N.H. Last summer they spent six weeks in Paris, where they visited with Gilles and **Jackie Dittmore Hardy** (M.A. '90) and their kids, Anthony (5) and Emily (2). ✷Greg and **Meredith Conrey Eater** (M.A. '93) welcomed daughter Morgan Noelle on October 22, 2002. Meredith is a fund-raiser for the United Way of Greater Portland, Me. ✷**Gail Mackey** ('96) is teaching French in a middle school in Jackson, N.J.: "Middlebury's Language School enabled me to be successful in passing the state's certification and license exams. I am forever grateful, especially considering that I did the program when I was 44 years old with two young children." ✷**Elsa Inlow** (M.A. '97) has been working as a defense contractor at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center in Charleston, S.C. for four years. She misses living in Paris and would love to hear from friends from the French School in Paris 1997. When in Paris, she visits **Emilie Terry Meinadier** (M.A. '97) and her husband, Jean-Francois. ✷**Melissa Titus** (M.A. '98) and Cedric Meeschaert were married last September in the chapel of the Chateau des Conde in Vallery, France. The newlyweds are living in Paris. ...The marriage of **Nicole Kamine** ('01) and Eric Wilhelm took place on August 3 in Pampton Lakes, N.J.

German

Izolde Zivers Price (M.A. '64) has a Ph.D. in German from Rutgers Univ. (1974). In 1994 and 1995, she attended seminars in Leipzig and Berlin. In fall 2001 and 2002, she taught English to Ph.D. candidates at the Univ. for Agriculture in Latvia. ✷**Jill Barlow Weber** (M.A. '65) recently switched school districts to start a German program at Burlington (N.J.) Township High School and Middle School. Jill reports the program is growing by leaps and bounds; another German or French teacher will be needed soon. ✷**Mary Dresch Nicholas** (M.A. '69) recently retired from teaching five levels of German at Fayetteville-Manlius (N.Y.) High School. Their grandchildren now total seven. ✷**Ann Young LaFiandra** (M.A. '73) writes: "I am exploring the former East Zone through a high school exchange program with the Walker-Gropius Schule in Erfurt, Thuringia. I finally got to see the Wartburg, which would please Fr. Gisela Hollandt of the phil. fac. in Mainz!" ✷**Irene Smith Roberts** (M.A. '74) writes: "After a checkered career of teaching German, French, ESL, and child-rearing, I have finally settled down at a wonderful high school in the suburbs of Richmond, Va., where I teach German and French. I particularly love it when students express interest in Middlebury!" Her e-mail is island56@earthlink.net.

Italian

Thomas Paprocki ('87, also Spanish '76) was appointed by Pope John Paul II to serve as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, assisting the Archbishop, Cardinal Francis George, in the pastoral care of the Archdiocese of Chicago. ✷**Katy Giges** (M.A. '01) and John Ingulli were married November 16 in St. Thomas, V.I. Katy is a manager at the Oasis Day Spa in NYC. John works on the floor of the American Stock Exchange for L&R Trading.

Spanish

Alea Blackwell Dahnke (M.A. '63) writes: "I have had a wonderful career teaching Spanish, in great part due to the outstanding immersion experience and excellent instruction I received in the Middlebury Spanish School. I have taught 5- to 85-year-olds, high school (27 years) and college students, and adults. Now I have an enthusiastic group of adults who meet regularly at my home to continue their studies." ✷**Richard Brunelle** (M.A. '69) is teaching ESL in a middle school in Passaic, N.J.: "Although I don't use Spanish in the classroom, because of the diverse number of languages spoken by my students, it certainly is beneficial to have a strong linguistic background." ✷**Roberto Onstine** (M.A. '70) has been a Peace Corps volunteer for two years, serving in Morocco, North Africa, and Moldove in Eastern Europe. ✷**Nancy Lynn Clarke** (M.A. '75) is a trademark attorney at the U.S. Trademark Office, part of the Dept. of Commerce, located in Arlington, Va. ✷**Robert Oliver** (M.A. '77) is teaching Spanish and French at Grafton High School, as well as helping with the German Distance Learning Project. Daughter Charlotte got her B.A. in Spanish and fine arts (College of Charleston in S.C.) and is working on a master's in bilingual legal interpreting. ✷**Catherine Rodgers Giussani** (M.A. '92) lives with her husband in Milan, Italy. She was the Milan delegate to the Federation of American Women Clubs Overseas conference in Stockholm, Sweden, this spring.

26 **Robert A. MacDonald Sr.**, of Princeville, Hawaii, on December 12, 2002. A construction inspector with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during World War II, he resumed his building career after the war. He attended his 75th reunion at Middlebury in 2001. Predeceased by wife Irene Wyman MacDonald '28 in 1981 and by daughter Elizabeth Fabrikant, he is survived by son Robert A. Jr., four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

30 **John Owen**, 96, of Port Henry, N.Y., on December 7, 2002. He died in the same room where he was born in 1906, in the house built by his father. With a degree from Albany Law School (1937), he practiced law with his father in Port Henry. Commissioned an ensign in the Navy in 1939, he continued his naval career after World War II, retiring in 1966. An avid sportsman throughout his life, he was a particular fan of the women's ice hockey team at Middlebury. (See article in spring 2001 *Middlebury Magazine*, page 24.) Predeceased by wife Helen (Phelan) and by daughter Johanne, he leaves sons John, Jeffrey, and Jason; and three grandchildren. Dceased Middlebury relatives include brother Harry G. Owen, 1923, member of the Middlebury English department and director of the Bread Loaf School of English; father Harry E. Owen, 1890; and great-grandfather John J. Owen, 1828, Middlebury trustee 1863-1869.

Ralph E. Woodbury, 93, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on November 15, 2002. After attending law school at Columbia, he joined his father in establishing the Woodbury Lumber Company in Glens Falls, N.Y. He subsequently founded mills and lumber yards in Vermont, New York, and Oregon. Predeceased by first wife Harriet (Nesbitt) in 1984, he is survived by wife Carolyn (Weller), sons Ralph '57 and Michael, daughters Mary Woodbury Coy '62 and Martha Woodbury, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

33 **M. Boyd Brown**, 91, of Springfield, Vt., on December 11, 2002. An outstanding athlete at Middlebury, he worked at Fellows Gear Shaper Co. in Springfield for 41 years, retiring as chief engineer in 1976. His wife, Emmy Lou Nothnagle Brown '34, died in May 2002. Survivors include sons David '61, Frederick, and Harry; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Other survivors include sister-in-law Sally Nothnagle Tefft '40 and nephew Timothy Tefft '71.

35 **Norma Selleck Morgan**, 88, of Montpelier, Vt., on December 11, 2002. Her early career was with the National Life Insurance Co. From 1956 to 1976, she was employed by the Vermont Dept. of Rehabilitation and Social Services, Div. for the Blind. In retirement, she volunteered for the Vermont Historical Society. Predeceased by husband William B. Morgan and by sisters Beatrice E. Selleck '30 and Ruth Selleck Peereboom '34, she is survived by son Robert B. Morgan.

36 **Harmony Buell Cobb**, 87, of Wellfleet, Mass., on January 12, 2003. She was librarian of the Upper Dublin Township (Pa.) public library and for the Schenectady (N.Y.) public library system. She retired to Cape Cod with husband James Cooper, who died in 1988. She was married in 1995 to Raymond W. Cobb, who survives her. Other survivors include daughters Jennifer Harmon and Elizabeth Cooper; sons Stephen and Daniel Cooper; stepsons Jeremy, Jonathan, and David Cobb; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

37 **Jonathan M. Peck**, 89, of Avon, Conn., on October 30, 2002. A graduate of the Univ. of Pa., Wharton School of Business, his career was with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. He retired at age 56 and pursued his hobby of collecting historical firearms. Survivors include wife Louise, son Richard, daughter Mary Louise George, and two grandchildren.

Erwin P. Warren, 89, of Eugene, Ore., on January 4, 2003. He lived in Los Angeles and Grants Pass before settling in Eugene, where he worked for Pacific Motor Trucking Co. for 38 years. He was predeceased by first wife Naomi (Hawkins) and by son Dennis. Survivors include wife Hazel (Ernst), daughter Carolyn Hallvik, son Richard E., seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

41 **John J. Eagan**, 83, of Buffalo, N.Y., on December 22, 2002. A retired chemical engineer, he held posts in Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. He and his wife, Helena (Nelson), owned a flower shop in Vermilion, Ohio, for 12 years, retiring to Buffalo in 1989. Predeceased by his wife in 1992, he is survived by daughters Joanne and Patricia, son John Jr., three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

William R. Markland, 83, of Whately, Mass., on October 25, 2002. After working during World War II for the Hercules Powder Corp. in Chattanooga, Tenn., he became a well-known research chemist in the cosmetics industry, working with John H. Breck and Co., Revlon, and Chesebrough-Ponds before forming his own consulting business. He was active in the Whately Congregational Church and an avid golfer and woodworker. Survivors include wife Bertha Waite Markland '39, daughters Judith Markland '66 and Shirley Markland '69, and son William W. Markland '79.

42 **Kyle T. Brown Jr.**, 82, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., on January 19, 2003. An Army veteran of World War II, he retired with the rank of captain from the Army Reserves Judge Advocacy Corps. He practiced law in St. Johnsbury from 1949 to 1986. A municipal judge, he was also a justice of the peace, chair of the board of civil authority, and the elected town meeting moderator. Predeceased by wife Eloise (Warren) in 2001, he is survived by son Kyle T. III and daughter Gaye Brown.

Carlos E. Richardson, 81, of Harpswell, Maine, on December 20, 2002. In the Army Medical Corps, he was trained as a battalion surgeon assistant. He was responsible for the rehabilitation of Pacific Theater War veterans at Letterman Hospital in San Francisco and was recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict. He worked for Bristol Myers Squibb for 38 years. In 1985, he retired to Maine, where he was a member of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 201. Surviving are his wife, Josephine (Galaska), sons Arthur C. and Kenneth W., and three grandchildren.

43 **Robert T. Wood**, 80, of Port Washington, N.Y., on December 2, 2002. He served as a Naval aviator during World War II and received an M.S. in transportation from Columbia School of Business. After his retirement as a transportation economist, he built a catamaran and enjoyed sailing. He also took an active interest in issues of homelessness. Survivors include wife June (Chapman), sons Robert and Thomas, and four grandchildren.

45 **Walter S. Swift**, 82, of Williston, Vt., on November 20, 2002. Entering the Army in 1942, he served in England during World War II. After graduating from Vermont Agriculture School in Randolph Center, Vt., he bought a farm in Williston and was a dairy farmer until 1965, after which he was a groundskeeper at the Williston Country Club. Predeceased by brother Charles M. Swift '43, he is survived by wife Marjorie (Abell), sons William '67 and James, daughters Laurel Swift and Jessica Betz, and five grandchildren.

48 **Mary Frances Van Cleve Smith**, 75, of Pahrump, Nev., on October 30, 2002. She taught music and French and was a choir director, pianist, and soloist. While continuing her freelance writing, she also worked in her husband's accounting business. She was preceded in death by husband Benjamin Smith, stepson Benjamin III, and grandson Samuel Harder. Survivors include daughters Diane Wakefield, Patricia Barclay, and Jerri Ann Matthews; stepdaughters Karen Greco, Beverly Bayan, and Brenda Bradley; stepsons Wayne and Brian Smith; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

49 **John S. MacMurtry**, 80, of Sarasota, Fla., on December 9, 2002. Entering with the Class of 1945, he served in the Army during World War II and returned to graduate with the Class of 1949. He was one of 20 charter members of the Middlebury College Flying Club. An executive at the Quincy (Mass.) Mutual Fire Insurance Co., he retired to Sarasota in 1985. He leaves wife Myrtle (Raymond), daughter Carol Burkett, son Thomas, and five grandchildren.

50 **Gordon L. Cook Jr.**, 76, of Hyde Park, Vt., on January 3, 2003. He served with the Navy during World War II, held managerial positions with several major supermarkets and chain stores, and later owned his own business, Elfin Hugs of Vermont. He was also an instructor at the Stowe School of Taekwon-do. He is survived by former wife Jeanne Thompson Cooke '50; son Gordon L. III; daughters Nancy Cook, Suzette Mako, and Alison Cramer; and six grandchildren.

William F. Dewey Jr., 76, of Westmoreland, N.H., on December 8, 2002. A mechanical engineer, he was self-employed as Dewey Associates. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was an Eagle Scout and lifelong volunteer firefighter. He leaves wife Elizabeth (Patrick); daughter Cynthia Tillson; sons William F. III, Graham, Stephen, and Dewey; and four grandchildren.

51 **Douglas M. Ladd**, 75, of Walpole, N.H., on November 22, 2002. During World War II, he served in Germany from 1945 to 1947. After a long career in business, he moved in 1986 to Walpole, where he was an active volunteer for the Walpole Recycling Center. Predeceased by wife Yvette in 1998, he is survived by daughter Heidi Ladd, son Douglas, and a granddaughter. Deceased Middlebury relatives include his mother, Dorothy Mackay Ladd '22.

52 **Margaret Groff Lamprey**, 72, of Center Harbor, N.H., on January 11, 2003. After a career in the theatre which included appearances

on Broadway, she joined her husband, Robert J. Lamprey Jr., in the real estate business in Center Harbor. Surviving besides her husband are sons Richard, Scott, and Chris Hagan; daughter Robin Kealey; and three grandchildren.

53 **Anita Bland Lankler**, 71, of Jupiter, Fla., on January 22, 2003. On January 17, she received a Points of Light Award from Governor Jeb Bush in recognition of her community service. In addition to founding Friends of Jupiter Beach, she planned to start a program to help Hospice patients find homes for their pets. She is survived by husband Alexander M. Lankler, sons Peter and Jon Andreasen, daughter Alexandra Charters, step-daughters Melissa Kelly and Lesley Dangerfield, and seven grandchildren.

Patience Appel Levine, 71, of Bethesda, Md., on November 3, 2002. She was the retired director of volunteer services for B'nai B'rith Women at B'nai B'rith International in Washington, D.C. She worked at B'nai B'rith from 1970 to 1996, and was among 124 employees held hostage there for 40 hours by Hanafi gunmen in 1977. Predeceased by son Gregory in 1972, she is survived by sons Andrew and Timothy, daughter Elizabeth Nassen, and five grandchildren.

55 **Herbert C. Atkins**, 68, of Orem, Utah, on December 22, 2002. He served five years in the Marine Corps as a fighter pilot. A longtime resident of Newport News, Va., he was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Survivors include daughters Carla Amor, Sarah Lab, and Susan White; sons Donald, John, and James; and 15 grandchildren.

John E. Hill, 68, of Walpole, Mass., on October 24, 2002. He served in the Coast Guard from 1956 to 1959, and earned an MBA from Babson College in 1981. A self-employed consultant for the machinery and metalworking industries, he was chair of the Walpole board of selectmen. He was one of Walpole's original Town Meeting members. He is survived by wife Barbara (Humble); daughter Katherine Abraham; sons John E. Jr., Jeffrey, and Stephen; sister Nancy Hill Griswold '60; and eight grandchildren.

Jeanette Clarvoe Tierney, 69, of Berkeley, Calif., on August 4, 2002, after a 15-year battle with Parkinson's disease. She was a longtime resident of Cambridge, Mass., and worked with Family and Children Services and the Office for Children. Survivors include daughter Minou Elisa, son Peter, and four grandchildren.

56 **Nancy Chase Geaney**, 69, of Hudson, Ohio, on December 25, 2002. She was an emergency medical technician and paramedic with the Hudson Emergency Medical Service. In 1979, she and husband Richard W. Geaney founded Chase Transcriptions. She also started and taught at the Chase School of Medical Transcription. Predeceased by her husband in 2000, she leaves daughters Ellen Scarponi, Elizabeth Lewis, and JoAnn Brunenmeister; sons Michael and Paul; and 11 grandchildren.

58 **Francis M. Fitzgerald**, 66, of Middlebury, Conn., on January 9, 2003. He was a social studies teacher in Wolcott schools for 25 years, which named a student award for him upon his retirement. He leaves wife Carolyn (Delaney)), sons John and Pat, daughter Catherine Swetz, and six grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include his mother, Eva Menotti Fitzgerald '27, and his aunt, Josephine Menotti '18.

Margaret Dodd Jones, 65, of Bennington, Vt., on November 10. An Army wife through 20 moves, she was a party consultant in the family business of EZ Way Rentals. She was a member of the Quiet Valley Quilters and the Bennington County Chorale Society. Survivors include husband Francis S. Jones '57, sons George and Franklin, daughters Carol Sawyer and Sarah Lein, 14 grandchildren, and brother Brooks G. Dodd '55.

69 **Nancy Tillinghast Shaw**, 56, of Stony Brook, N.Y., on November 25, 2002, of cancer. She was a nurse for many years at the Brookhaven Memorial Hospital in Patchogue, N.Y., and in the health center at the Stony Brook School. She is survived by husband Sanford W. Shaw '67; father Pardon Tillinghast, Middlebury professor emeritus of history; sisters Peggy Wright and Elizabeth Oettinger; sons Nathan, Christopher, and Andrew; daughter Megan; and four grandchildren.

71 **John K. Mason**, 53, of Winter Park, Colo., on November 23, 2002, as the result of a fall from a chairlift after an epileptic seizure. Hired at Winter Park Resort for one year as a ski patroller in 1971, he stayed for 30 years, becoming director of the ski patrol in 1981 and mountain manager in 1995. He helped found the National Ski Patrol's Division and was a member of the NSP board of directors for 10 years, serving as national chairman from 1992 to 1996. An active member of the Winter Park community, he served on the town's planning and zoning commission and town council. He was also an avid mountain biker and snowboarder. Survivors include former wife Elizabeth Browning Mason '71, daughter Emily Cross, son Luke Mason, and five siblings.

88 **Mark Held**, 36, of Denver, Colo., on December 17, 2002, of bone cancer. Seeking an active role in environmental policy, he entered the Univ. of Colo. School of Law and graduated in 1997. After working briefly for an attorney specializing in Indian law, he combined his interest in law with his love of the outdoors as an assistant attorney general. He is survived by wife Elizabeth Pinckard and by his parents, Anne Niles Davenport and J. Michael Held.

Honorary Degree

Eleanor Jack Gibson, 92, of Middlebury, Vt., and Columbia, S.C., on December 30, 2002. A professor of psychology and 1992 recipient of the National Medal of Science, she made major contributions to the theory of perceptual learning and development in children. She held appointments at Smith, Cornell, Emory, Dartmouth, MIT, the Salk Institute, and the Universities of Minn., S.C., Pa., and Conn. During retirement in Middlebury, she served on a science advisory committee at Middlebury and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1993. Survivors include daughter Jean Rosenberg and her husband, David Rosenberg; son and daughter-in-law James J. and Lois Rauch Gibson; and four grandchildren.

Faculty

Grant H. Harnest, 85, of Middlebury, Vt., on October 24, 2002. He held a master's in chemistry from Middlebury (1941) and, as a member of Middlebury's chemistry department from 1946 until his retirement in 1982, he directed the master of science research of 25 students. An inspired teacher of organic chemistry, he served on every major College committee, chaired the chemistry department for almost 20 years, and chaired the science division during a time of faculty and facilities expansion. In the mid-1960s, he almost single-handedly attracted $1 million in grants from Research Corporation and the National Science Foundation. The strength of the sciences at Middlebury today owes much to the leadership and the vision of Grant Harnest. A caring teacher, an active scholar, and a contributing member of the local community, he was a model academic citizen.

Language Schools

37 **Margaret Deal Wilson**, 97, English, of Deep River, Conn., on November 6, 2002.

41 **Kendall Lappin**, 86, M.A. French, of Annapolis, Md., on November 18, 2002. A Navy veteran of World War II, he taught French at the Naval Academy.

42 **Ella Richey Wells**, 92, M.A. English, of Columbus, Ohio, on November 25, 2002. She was a retired high school teacher.

47 **Herbert C. Stinson**, 94, M.A. French, of Bethlehem, Pa., on November 29, 2002. He taught at Lehigh Univ. and Lafayette and Muhlenberg colleges, retiring in 1971.

49 **Normand C. Paquette**, 85, M.A. English, of Newport, N.H., on December 30, 2002. He taught English at Stevens H.S.

53 **Richard H. Lovelace**, 82, M.A. English, of South Yarmouth, Mass., on December 16, 2002. He taught English at the Taft School in Watertown, Conn., for 33 years, retiring in 1982.

60 **Phyllis M. Goodman**, 71, English, of Millersville, Pa., on July 9, 2002. She taught English at Millersville Univ. for 36 years.

62 **Lyrace Flower Fontaine**, 85, M.A. French, of Bristol, Vt., on October 26, 2002. She originated the total immersion French program at Burlington High School.

74 **Elizabeth Hall Hutner Flemer**, 47, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, of Princeton, N.J., on November 30. Survivors include her mother, Frances Cornwall Hutner '40, and brothers Daniel Hutner '70 and Simeon Hutner '81.

Eckehard H. Latz, 59, M.A. German, of Manchester, Vt., on December 4, 2002. He taught at Burr and Burton and at Middlebury's summer German School for many years.

88 **Mary B. Cunningham**, 97, French, of Framingham, Mass., on December 15, 2002. She taught French at Framingham H.S.

97 **Jennifer Judge Mereness**, 39, M.A. Spanish, of Janesville, Wis., on November 22, 2002. She taught Spanish at Craig High School in Janesville.

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Global Warning

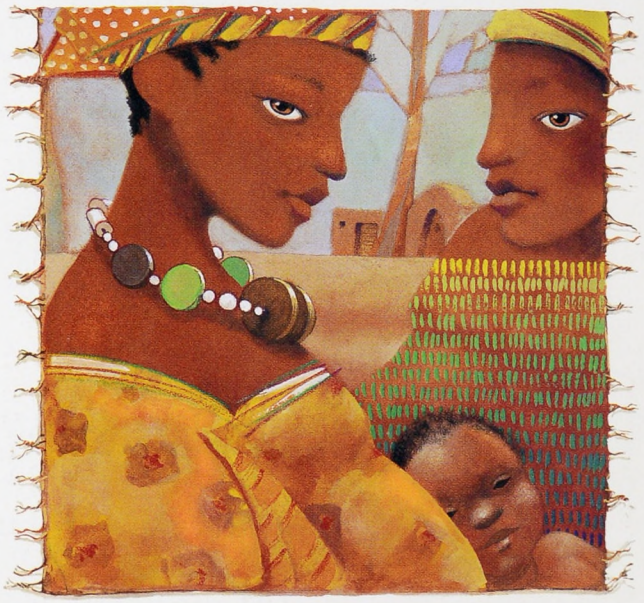
With the health of the UN Population Fund ailing, Jane Roberts champions its cause.

By Jane Keeney Roberts, M.A. French '63

A DONKEY-DRAWN CART kicked up dust in the Mali countryside. Driven by a teenager, the cart bounced and jolted along the uneven road toward a health center, located 10 kilometers away, while a 16-year-old girl writhed in the back of the cart, screaming in pain and exposed to the noonday sun. She was in labor, and she was desperately trying to reach the closest health care facility.

This is what I saw on one of my first days in Mali as a guest of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). I was riding in a UN convoy when we encountered the cart on a desolate stretch of road. Fortunately for the young woman, a doctor was traveling with us, and he was able to assess the situation and rush her to the health clinic. Other Mali women are not so fortunate; this is the reality in a country where 1 of every 19 women die during childbirth.

Last February, I traveled to Mali and Senegal to gain a better understanding of women's health issues in Africa's poorest countries. For the past 30 years, I have been interested in population issues, and recently became involved with the international family planning program, familyplanet.org. I was drawn to the UN Population Fund in July when I learned that the Bush Administration was withholding the entire U.S. contribution of $34 million to UNFPA. Since 1969, this fund has been used to help women in the world's poorest countries gain access to family planning services and education. Deeply concerned that this loss of funding would seriously impair the smallest UN agency and hinder its mission to provide voluntary prenatal and contraceptive care to women in 160 countries, I helped launch the "34 Million Friends Campaign" in an effort to make up the shortfall. The idea is simple: 34 million people each give one dollar. And this effort, in turn, led me to Africa.



In a remote UNFPA-funded health center in Senegal, I spoke with a young woman whose life was saved by receiving a Cesarean section. I visited with another girl who was anemic and had just given birth. The clinic was going to advise her husband that the couple should try to delay their next pregnancy until his wife could recover.

Community-based outreach and education is playing a great role in both Senegal and Mali. UNFPA is training health workers to bring information and contraceptive supplies to remote villages. Imams are being mobilized. Schools are trying to teach family-life education, including lessons on avoiding early marriage, early pregnancy and the need for prenatal care; a huge effort is being made to discourage female genitalia mutilation.

During my travels, school children greeted me with signs reading "34 Million Friends." When I was in a Mali airport awaiting a flight to France, I learned that our effort had surpassed $550,000, with money coming in at the rate of more than $10,000 a day.

Earlier that day, I had the opportunity to speak at a nationally televised press conference, which was conducted in French, the national language of Mali. My love and passion for the French language has introduced me to lifelong friends and has sparked a fulfilling career as a teacher, but I feel like it took me to another plateau when I was able to tell the Mali people, in their official tongue, "My government may not be participating in the work of the UN Population Fund this year, but we the people are."

Jane Keeney Roberts lives in Redlands, Calif., and is the cofounder of the grassroots movement "34 Million Friends."

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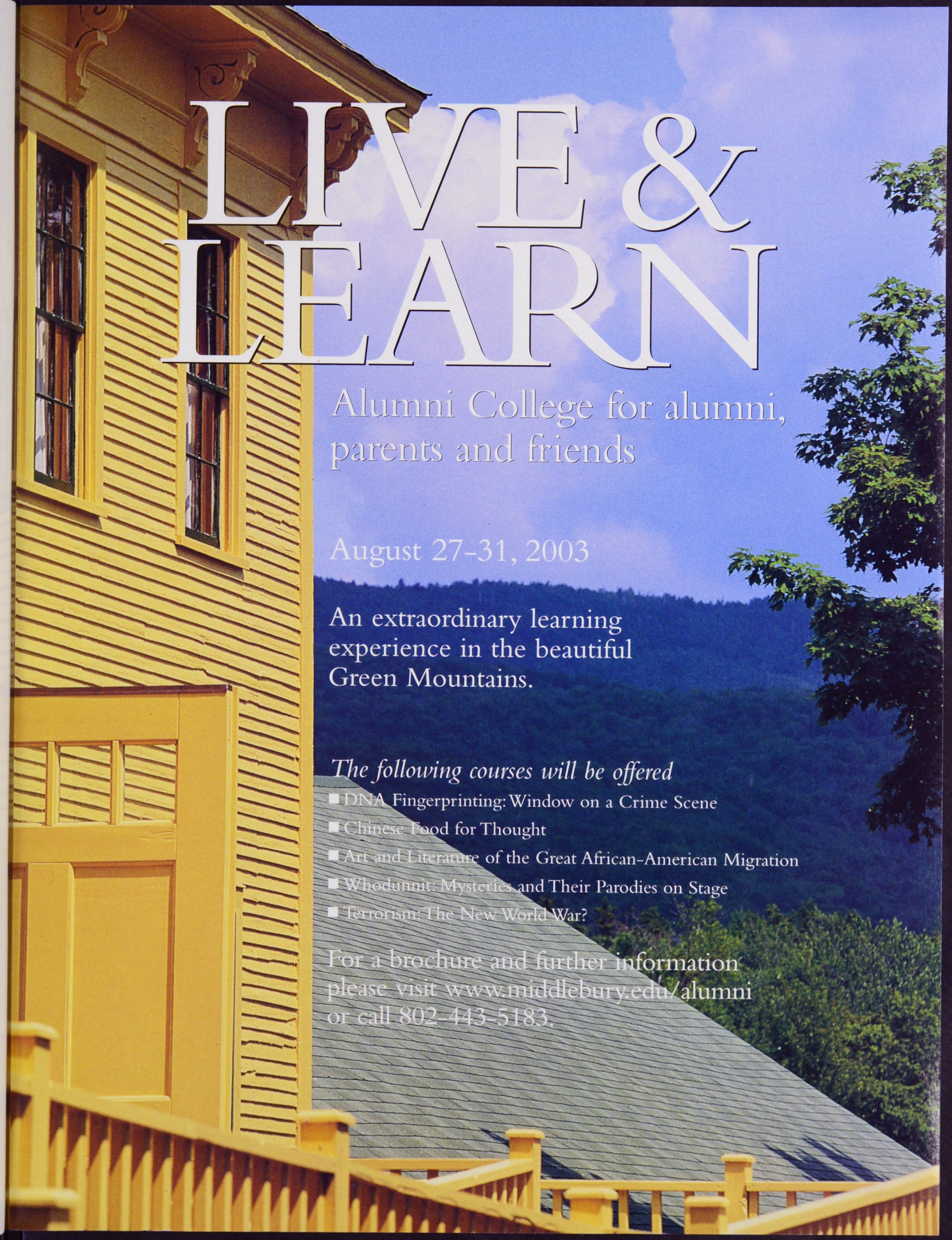
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